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## Here's To A Safe & Happy Halloween Here in Agawam...



WITCHES, GOBLINS, AND JACK-O'-LANTERNS BRIGHT WILL BE STREAKING BY OUR WINDOWS ON A COLD OCTOBER'S NIGHT - Halloween is nearly here and the little ghoulies of town will be out in force on October 31st. Please, be careful and use common sense. See EDUCATION SECTION for related article. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Sister City's Six Days Truly A Class Act



A RECENT ISSUE OF THE AGAWAM ADVERTISER NEWS welcomes the town's Italian visitors on the front page. Showing Domenicka Geria-Tescione the front page headline, "Benvenuto," was Sister City Chairman William Euliano (left photo, center) while commissioner and Town Councilor Anthony C. Bonavita chats with Mayor Richard A. Cohen. In front are Dr. Paolo Scudo and commissioner Frank Mazzei. The group had stopped at Giovanni's Italian Bakery in Agawam Center for coffee and sweets. RELATED STORY AND PICTURES INSIDE.



# Magovern, Pettazzoni Propose Joint Communication Committee

by Hope E. Murray  
Municipal Writer

Town Council President Robert Magovern spoke to Agawam School Committee members at the Tuesday, October 24th meeting in support of a proposed joint communication committee comprised of Town Council and School Committee members.

"One of the responsibilities of the City Council is to pass the [school] budget," Magovern said. "But by the time we get involved in the school budget, it's cast in concrete.

"When we get the budget we don't have the time to really understand everything."

Magovern sees the communication committee as an ongoing effort throughout the school year to keep both bodies informed of what's happening with the School Committee, and the budget in particular.

"It's an information only committee," Magovern stressed. "Education is the largest part of the town's budget and we don't want to say yes or no to a proposal we don't understand. It would help us to better understand what we're voting on."

The School Committee entered into a committee as a whole to discuss the proposal, which was presented by Committee member Susan Pettazzoni. She explained that the committee would have a total of six members; the Town Council president and two members, and the Agawam Superintendent of Schools and two School Committee members.

"Each elected body will retain its responsibilities but be better informed and better prepared to serve," Mrs. Pettazzoni said.

The two groups have clashed in the past and Mrs. Pettazzoni and Magovern want to avoid future arguments that may arise from a lack of communication.

"A few years ago the School Committee needed to go before Town Council and ask for more money," Mrs. Pettazzoni said.

"It was extremely difficult for the committee to go through.

"Most recently, the finance committee [of Town Council] had a meeting set-up that we decided not to attend because we felt very strongly that it was basically a summons. . . it would behoove us to have this team," said Mrs. Pettazzoni.

Not all School Committee members agreed.

"I don't think another committee meeting is needed," said member Teresa Kozloski. "From what I heard from Mr. Magovern tonight, I don't agree. I don't see a need for a committee. "This is a one-sided thing," she continued. "This other little committee here I see almost as a power struggle."

Mrs. Kozloski said that if council members want more information they should come to School Committee meetings and "do their research."

Committee member Linda Galerneau said she

believes "communication is good."

"A lot of times they (Town Council) don't understand the issues quite the way they should. They are a major part of our funding - they don't come to us for money, we go to them for money - so I see this as a benefit. I can see the value in this and I can see the merit of it."

Committee member Susan Dawson expressed concerns that those two (School Committee) people on the communications committee could bring their own agendas and lobby for specific issues.

"I would like to see [Town Council] come to us as a whole and us go to them," Mrs. Dawson said, adding "But I certainly do see the value of communicating with them."

Some members saw both sides of the issue.

"I have mixed emotions about it," said member Roberta Doering. "I do think we have to be extremely careful."

Mrs. Pettazzoni urged the School Committee to give it a trial.

"To expect Town Council to understand the intricacies of our budget is a lot to expect," she said. "I would like to give this a try."

The School Committee voted to table the proposal until its next meeting.

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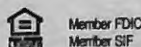


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## Letters To The Editor

### Agawam Resident Supports Ballot Question 8

#### To The Editor:

While our District Attorney, William Bennett, acquitted himself well and spoke with eloquence concerning his position on ballot question 8, I must say that I share the concerns expressed with equal eloquence by City Councilor Richard Morassi. He has earned far more than merely my respect and gratitude for his courage, his reasoning, and his common sense approach to this question - question 8 - which I must implore the citizens of Agawam to please support.

With all due respect to Mr. Bennett, I was struck far less by what he said than by what he failed to mention. He failed to mention that only first- or second-time offenders can file for protection under the measure; he failed to mention, as City Councilor Morassi mentioned, that our Judges would ultimately decide who does and who does not qualify for this protection; he failed to mention that criminal charges would only be dismissed upon successful completion of a drug rehabilitation program; and he failed to mention that assets seized can be seized without conviction, effectively nullifying due process supposedly guaranteed under the United States Constitution.

What his failure to mention all of these things suggests is that he trusts neither the judgement of the City Council, nor that of the voting public. It suggests that he has little faith in the judicial system itself, having little faith in the reasoning of our Judges; it suggests a mission of disinformation via subtle exaggeration and omission of relevant facts; and it suggests that he may be more frightened by the removal of a conflict of interests regarding asset forfeiture than he would like our City Council and townsfolk to believe. Of course, a District Attorney who strives for conviction in any way possible might also fear that removal of mandatory sentencing for minor drug offenses might prevent him from plea bargaining bad arrests from the public eye.

Several opponents spoke of luminaries opposed to the passage of this question, citing Sheriff Ashe, Senator Linda Melconian, and Attorney General Tom Reilly. No one spoke of luminaries in support of the question, such as Attorneys General Scott Harshbarger, James Shannon, and Francis X. Bellotti. No one pointed out how Congressional Representative and former Norfolk County District Attorney William Delahunt supports passage of this question. No one addressed the support of the League of Women Voters, or Springfield City Councilor Dan Kelly.

That D.A. Bennett would cite Attorney General Reilly's opposition to this is interesting. Mr. Bennett is among the D.A.s filing suit against Mr. Reilly for refusing to void it. I do not believe Mr. Bennett is so worried that drug dealers will get off. Dealers tend to be repeat offenders with many convictions. Last year, Hampden County law enforcement seized \$400,000 in assets, and I believe our District Attorney values that more than he lets on. Remember, these assets often are seized with no due process and no conviction. They constitute a Constitutional abridgement, and I believe only those with a vested interest (a conflict of interests) in these assets could oppose the reinstatement of Constitutionally guaranteed due process. I'm surprised Holyoke's Police Chief Courmoyer so publicly supports Mr. Bennett's stance on question 8, considering all the problems the mishandling of seized assets has caused his department. Holyoke's corrosive HPD scandal might never have become an issue should Officer Valentine not have had access to seized assets.

Join with me, please, in support of question 8. For responsible handling of seized assets, please vote yes. Join me to restore Constitutional due process, please. Let assets be seized only with conviction. Do not be fooled into believing our most hardened dealers will get off scot free.

With this measure, the most hardened dealers will finally be targeted. No longer can we pretend arrests of casual users make a dent. Supply side problems need supply side solutions. No longer need we clog our prisons and our courts. Now treatment will require no conviction. Vote yes!

Sincerely yours,  
Owen R. Broadhurst  
Agawam

### City Council Handled Question 8 Discussion Poorly

#### To The Editor:

Thumbs down to the Agawam City Council for its poor handling of the discussion of Ballot Question Eight at its October 16, 2000 meeting. Why was there no one present to speak to the Council in favor of Question Eight? Is it because the planned discussion of this issue was purposely publicized in an inadequate manner? The Agawam City Council looked like a kangaroo court when it embarrassed us all by not affording an opportunity for those in favor of Question Eight to be notified and heard on this issue. Shame on the City Council for seeking out Chief of Police Robert Campbell to speak in opposition of Question Eight. The last time his name was prominently in the news, it was because he was obstructing the prosecution of someone who appeared to his officers to have a substance abuse problem.

The Council members who expressed their opposition to Question Eight are ignorant of the facts. Councilor Morassi was absolutely correct when he stated that all treatment options available pursuant to Question Eight would be supervised and controlled by the Court. All of these treatment options are conditioned on the drug-dependent person remaining in, benefitting from, and completing treatment, which includes but is not limited to: remaining drug-free; random drug testing; mandatory counseling; mandatory group counseling; and other forms of treatment and counseling.

Completing Court-ordered drug treatment is not an easy task. It requires an intense, long-term commitment to remaining drug-free and changing one's lifestyle. Some of my clients believe that going to jail is easier than complying with Court-supervised drug treatment. If the drug-dependent person does not complete the treatment ordered by the Court, he or she will face prosecution, mandatory prison time, loss of his or her driver's license, loss of his or her public housing, eviction, and other serious ramifications.

That should be the end of the discussion. However, the public officials that are afraid of losing control of forfeiture money, grant money, and other funds dependent on the prosecution and imprisonment of drug offenders, have distorted the facts and resorted to scare tactics to try and defeat this ballot question. The prosecution and imprisonment of drug-dependent people does significantly increase the flow of federal and state money into local law enforcement agencies. Forfeiture money is a very small and insignificant portion of the money that is at issue. Hampden County District Attorney William M. Bennett purposely did not mention all of the other money that law enforcement receives based on drug prosecution

and imprisonment statistics.

Mr. Bennett repeatedly presented the Agawam City Council and the viewing public with inaccurate information. He repeatedly stated that the policy behind Ballot Question Eight is to prevent the prosecution of drug dealers. The policy behind Question Eight is to afford the option of treatment for drug-dependent people and to attempt to end the cycle of drug dependency without incarceration. Mr. Bennett also told the council that drug users would not be afforded the same opportunities for treatment as drug dealers. That is absolutely not true.

Massachusetts already has laws on the books that allow for the diversion of drug users who are dependent on drugs and who would benefit from treatment. Mr. Bennett should read Mass. Gen. Laws, ch. 111E. Chapter 111E presently is not available to people who in any way are involved in the sale or sharing of drugs, no matter how small the amount involved is. Ballot Question Eight would enhance Chapter 111E by expanding the types of cases that could be diverted to Court-supervised treatment programs. The fact is, Mr. Bennett's office even opposes the diversion of drug users charged with simple possession of illegal drugs, even if they have no criminal history.

Mr. Bennett has repeatedly advocated for the mandatory imprisonment of drug-dependent people who sell or share small amounts of drugs to support their drug habits. For example, a high school student, with no criminal record, who is caught sharing marijuana with another person on or near school grounds is going to be imprisoned for a minimum of two years under our current laws.

People who would be eligible for diversion are not violent criminals. The filling up of our prison cells with non-violent, drug-dependent people is bad public policy, is racist, and does not end the cycle of drug addiction. Instead, our current system of prosecuting and incarcerating drug offenders perpetuates the cycle of drug addiction and perpetuates the flow of money into a system that has failed to curb drug abuse in our society.

Despite the scare tactics of Mr. Bennett and other elected officials, only those people who can demonstrate that they are drug-dependent and would benefit from treatment will have their cases diverted. This decision would be made by a judge based on the testimony of a forensic psychologist or other qualified physician. Mr. Bennett's suggestion that the passage of Question Eight is a step in the direction of the decriminalization of drug use is ludicrous. If a drug-dependent person does not comply with the treatment program ordered by the Court, the diversion would end and Mr. Bennett would be free to prosecute that person and seek a mandatory prison sentence.

The prosecution and imprisonment of non-violent drug offenders has been an abysmal failure. Until society finds a way to curb the demand for illegal drugs by drug-dependent people, there will always be someone there to supply the demand. The voters should be asking why our elected officials are grossly distorting the truth about this issue. Is it because our public officials are afraid that the funds at issue would be diverted to drug treatment and no longer at their disposal?

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The people of Agawam deserve better than what our City Council and District Attorney offered for a "discussion" on Ballot Question Eight. The political machine in Agawam has attempted to pull the wool over your eyes. The one-sided and underhanded way that this issue was handled speaks volumes about the merits of Ballot Question Eight. I hope that the voters of Agawam join me in voting "yes" on Ballot Question Eight.

Jeffrey S. Brown, Esq.  
Agawam

**Councilors Morassi & Rossi Represent Agawam Taxpayers**

**To The Editor:**

Thanks to the Agawam Town Council, by a nine to two vote, **we the people** will have to pay our property taxes every three months instead of every six months. Not a big deal, right? It's just the arrogance that we don't need.

According to Mayor Cohen, "This is a way to increase revenue at no cost." At no cost to whom, Mr. Mayor? The government of Agawam? Of course not! No, **we the people** of Agawam will pay the cost, again.

Supporters of this proposal noted that the amount of money each person would lose in interest would be minimal. It doesn't matter how much money we lose in interest, it is still our money! Mayor Cohen said, "The additional money is due to additional investment income generated by the money which will have three months longer to accrue interest."

Why can't **we the people** accrue our own interest for three months? After all, it is our money!

Isn't it bad enough that we taxpayers are paying our property taxes due on November 1st for the tax period of January 1st to June 30, 2001? That is two to eight months ahead.

Do we pay our electric, cable, or gas bill eight months in advance? Do we pay our mortgage eight

months in advance? Of course not. But property taxes, absolutely. Now, they want our money quicker.

Thank you, Councilors Morassi and Rossi, for representing the taxpayers of Agawam, and for trying to keep our money in our own pockets for as long as possible.

Sincerely,  
Ken Forni  
Agawam

**Property Confiscation Prior To Conviction Is Dead Wrong**

**To The Editor:**

I note that former Deputy Treasurer Robert Foley and Treasurer Supervisor John Trischitta agreed to cooperate with authorities in exchange for sentences of seven years or less for Foley and five years or less for Trischitta.

I assume from the article in the 10/19/00 Union News that this cooperation takes the form of repaying the money. I think this should be a given and does not warrant reduced sentences.

I further note that the 10/19/00 edition of The Agawam Advertiser News reports that D.A. Bennett is urging voters to say "No" to ballot question 8, and that several members of the Agawam City Council are in agreement with him. I will personally vote "Yes" on this question.

In my opinion, relatively few dealers are prosecuted; it seems to me the bulk of the prosecutions are directed against young people and minorities. I believe property confiscation, prior to conviction, is dead wrong and possibly unconstitutional. It primarily serves the purpose of being a "cash cow" for district attorneys and police departments.

I read these two articles with some amusement and much chagrin.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Mary J. Broadhurst  
Agawam

**The Last Thing River Rd. Needs Is A Gas Station**

**To The Editor:**

What is wrong with our city councilors who voted to grant a gas station on River Road? Are their heads buried in sand? Where have they been? Have they not heard about all the controversy in that part of town?

Not only will the gas station create a bottleneck, but the litter from the convenience store planned for that station will be unbearable. We already have a Dairy Mart a couple of doors away (who, by the way, keep their property clean).

We all have a major problem at the traffic light because of not being able to take a right on River Road from Main Street going north. (The green right-turn arrow is of no use since there is not enough room for a vehicle to turn if a car is waiting for the light to proceed along Main Street.) What about the nightmare going south towards Six Flags?

Also, didn't anyone consider the entrance to the new Veterans' Cemetery? We don't need another obstacle in that area.

I think the decision should be reversed. Come on, citizens of Agawam; let your voices be heard.

T. Walsh  
Oxford Street  
Agawam

**In Support Of Moriarty For Governor's Council**

**To The Editor:**

On Tuesday, November 7, 2000, it is estimated that approximately 50 percent of the registered voters nationwide will turn out to cast a vote for their choice for the next President of the United States. Indeed, the Presidential race has dominated the papers and the airwaves. However, there is a local race that has

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begun to heat up - the race for Eighth District seat on the Governor's Council.

The first question on most readers minds at this point is probably, "What is the Governor's Council?" Well, if you haven't heard of it, it can't be important, right? Wrong! The Governor's Council is an extremely important position in our Commonwealth. Governor's Councillors meet with the Lieutenant Governor and/or the Governor every week of the year. The Governor's Councillors, among other things, are the approving authority for all judicial appointments, grants of clemency, and pardons. Additionally, the Governor's Councillors have direct weekly access to the Governor's Office (that is more than most Senators and Representatives) to advise him on matters that directly concern their respective districts.

The fact that most people do not know of the function and importance of the Governor's Council speaks volumes about the man currently representing us in that capacity. The incumbent Governor's Councillor from the Eighth District (a district roughly defined as the cities and towns abutting the Connecticut River and all towns to the west of the river) is Edward O'Brien from Easthampton. Mr. O'Brien has spent 26 of the last 30 years on the Governor's Council. How many times in those 26 years does anyone remember him asking Agawam residents what is important to us? How many times in those 26 years has he presented Agawam's concerns to the Governor?

Marshall Moriarty will change that. Marshall was raised in Springfield and continues to live there. Marshall is sensitive to the issues that concern not only the Greater Springfield area, but all of Western Massachusetts. Marshall has campaigned vigorously in Agawam, taking every opportunity to speak to Agawam residents regarding issues that concern us. Marshall, a labor lawyer who represents various labor unions throughout the region, is a forceful presence at any negotiating table and will not be swayed by the political machine that so often forgets that Massachusetts extends further west than Worcester.

We, as residents of Western Massachusetts, have a real opportunity to replace Mr. O'Brien who, after 26 years of representing us on the Governor's Council, is an unknown to the vast majority of us. I urge you to join me in voting for Marshall Moriarty for Governor's Council.

Scott Hibbert  
Agawam

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**TOWN OF AGAWAM  
TOWN COUNCIL**

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 20, 2000, at 7:30 P.M., at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed Amendment to Article VII Agricultural Districts of the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 180, by adding Section 180-37 F which would allow parking and parking lots in the Agricultural District. A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA, Monday through Friday.

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## Agawam Fire Dept. Earns 1999 Life Safety Award

The Agawam Fire Department has been presented with a Life Safety Achievement Award for 1999 by the Residential Fire Safety Institute (RFSI). The award was announced by Patrick Coughlin, Executive Director of the RFSI, and Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan.

The Life Safety Achievement Award recognizes local fire prevention activities that contributed to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. The Agawam Fire Department qualified for the award in 1999 because it recorded zero fire deaths in structures during that year.

Although residential fires in the U.S. account for only 20 percent of all fires, they result in 80 percent of fire deaths. The RFSI and the Department of Fire Services are committed to reducing that number. A total of 1,243 fire departments in the U.S., Canada, Iceland, and Puerto Rico received the 1999 Life Safety Achievement Award.

"Experience tells us that fire prevention activity and public education can significantly reduce life and property loss from residential fires," Coughlin said. "Prevention and education are very cost-effective compared to the traditional approach of relying on fire suppression. The Life Safety Achievement Award recognizes fire departments for their fire prevention efforts and encourages them to continually improve those efforts."

Coan added, "The 53 civilian fire deaths in Massachusetts during 1999 were a new record low, breaking the low of 61 fire deaths in 1995 and 59 in 1998. The S.A.F.E. Program and the other fire prevention efforts by Massachusetts fire departments are working to make our communities safer!"

The RFSI is a public interest group whose mission is to work with states to reduce residential fire deaths and injuries. The RFSI advocates the use of residential fire sprinklers, smoke alarms, and teaching people fire-safe behavior. Its principal program is Operation Life Safety, which assists fire departments with implementing residential sprinkler/alarm programs.

The RFSI's membership includes the United States Fire Administration, the National Association of State Fire Marshals, and private industry associations with an interest in residential fire safety.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

BY ORDER OF:  
Ursula Retzler, Clerk  
Agawam Town Council

## Keenan & Melconian Announce Passage Of PWED Grant

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) and Representative Dan Keenan (D-Southwick) are pleased to announce the passage of "An Act Relative to the Terms of Certain Bonds and Notes to be Issued by the Commonwealth."

This Act, now Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2000, was the final legislative hurdle authorizing allocation of the Route 159 PWED (Public Works Economic Development) Grant for the Town of Agawam. Previously, the Legislature passed the 2000 Transportation Bond Bill, which included the re-allocation of the successful PWED grant program. The "Terms Bill" signed into law on October 17th authorizes the State to issue bonds to cover previously approved projects.

"I believe this project is a well thought out and essential component to alleviating major traffic concerns in the Town of Agawam along Route 159 brought upon by the growing popularity of Six Flags New England," said Melconian. "The PWED Grant will go a long way in enhancing safety and easing traffic congestion on Main Street."

"Hopefully, these improvements will be part of one well thought out plan to improve the traffic flow on Main Street," said Keenan.

Agawam has been selected by the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC) to receive a \$1,215,000 million PWED grant to help ease traffic congestion along Main Street due to the growth of Six Flags New England. In the original grant application which Senator Melconian and Representative Keenan supported, the Town of Agawam planned to make the following improvements: minor widening of Route 159; construction of an exclusive right turn lane into the State Veterans' Memorial Cemetery on Main St.; intersection improvements at Route 159 and Elm/Elbert Street; intersection improvements at Route 159 and School Street; roadway lighting improvements along Route 159 through Agawam's proposed historic district; and a gateway to Agawam roadway amenities along Route 159. These plans are subject to certain modification by the Massachusetts Highway Department.

In addition to the planned roadway improvements, the Town is near completion on its water main, sewer, and sidewalk improvements to Route 159. According to EOTC, the Town of Agawam will be sent a contract for the PWED Grant in the next few weeks.

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM  
AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL**

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Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

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## - Agawam Obituaries -

### ANNE ALISON

Anne (Geagon) Alison, 88, of 418 Meadow Street, Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

Born and schooled in Springfield, she lived in Orange, CT, for more than 40 years before moving to Agawam 16 years ago.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Her husband, John Alison, died in 1971.

She leaves two sisters, Irene G. Hine of Centerville and Mary Bonavita of Springfield.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Orange County Cemetery in Orange.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 823 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

### IRENE C. BALTHAZAR

Irene C. (Foley) Balthazar, 89, of 80 Brookline Avenue, Feeding Hills, died recently at home.

Born in Westfield, she lived in Feeding Hills for many years.

She was a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Westfield.

She was a retired machine operator for the former F.W. Sickles and previously was a switchboard operator for New England Telephone.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

Her husband, George H. Balthazar, died in 1971.

She leaves a son and his wife, Richard G. and Wendy E. Balthazar of Lakeland, FL; a brother, James A. Foley of Westfield; a step-grandchild, Matthew Przybicien; and three step-great-grandchildren, Michael, Cassandra, and Calissa.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Westfield.

Donations may be made to the Shriner's Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

### MARJORIE E. CARTER

Marjorie E. (Carr) Beebe Dibble Carter, 86, of 76 Raymond Circle, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam since 1956.

She was a retired art teacher in the Easthampton School System, and retired from the Agawam Elementary School System.

She received her associate degree in art from the

Massachusetts College of Art in Boston.

She was a member of the Agawam Historical Society, the Golden Chapter Number 5 of the Order of the Eastern Star in Westfield, the Springfield chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Longmeadow.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Eugene Beebe; her second husband, Wallace Dibble; and her third husband, W. Scott Carter.

She leaves a son, Richard W. Beebe of North Waterford, ME; a daughter, Judith N. Wheeler of Chester; a sister, Ruth Testoni of St. Augustine, FL; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the First Church of Christ Scientist, 916 Williams Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106, or to the Agawam Historical Society, Box 552, Agawam, MA 01001.

### VIRGINIA C. CLARK

Virginia C. Clark, 76, formerly of Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she was a graduate of Commerce High School and attended Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bertrand A. Clark.

She leaves a daughter, Joanne Lee of Greenwich, CT; a brother, John D. Terry of California; a sister, Joan E. Terry of Chicopee; and two grandchildren.

A private funeral was held at Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

### ELLEN J. DEVINO

Ellen "Jean" (Bancroft) Zuchegna Devino, 65, of

464 Main Street, Agawam, and formerly of Springfield, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She worked in the geriatrics ward at the former Springfield Municipal Hospital and retired in 1988. She had also worked at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in that city's Leeds section, the former Northampton State Hospital, and at other hospitals as part of a nursing pool.

Born in Chesterfield, she was a graduate of Smith Vocational High School in Northampton and received her training at Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

She was a member of the former Grace Baptist Church in Springfield, where she had been active in various groups.

She was predeceased by her former husband, Charles Devino Sr.

She leaves two sons, David Zuchegna of Virginia Beach, VA, and Charles Devino Jr. of Springfield; two daughters, Nancy Arthur of Easthampton and Donna Blohm of Westfield; four brothers, William Bancroft of Pittsfield, Sydney Bancroft of Dalton, Winston Bancroft of Chesterfield, and Edward Bancroft of Westfield; a sister, Mary Lou Rubeck of Northampton; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Chesterfield Congregational Church, with burial in Center Cemetery in Chesterfield. Pease Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

### STANLEY R. MATUS

Stanley R. Matus, 66, of 19 Scherpa Street, Agawam, died recently in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

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## Senior Center Has Van Service For Voters On Elect. Day

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Rides can be arranged from homes or the Center, and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Early reservations are encouraged. To arrange for reservations, call 786-0400, ext. 242.

The van will be donated for the day by Hulmes transportation.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 2, 2000 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed amendment to Article VII, Agricultural Districts of the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 180, by adding Section 180-37 F which would allow parking and parking lots in the Agricultural District. A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA

#### BY ORDER OF:

Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board

Published: October 19, 2000

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Born in Chicopee, he lived in Agawam for most of his life.

He was a self-employed upholsterer.

He was a World War II veteran of the Navy and a member of the American Legion post in West Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Barbara Phillips; two sons, Stanley R. Matus, Jr. and Gary Phillips, both of Springfield; a brother, Ray of East Longmeadow; two granddaughters; and a great-grandson.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Agawam Veterans' Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45206-0301.

#### RUTH S. MCEWAN

Ruth S. McEwan, 94, of Tampa, Florida, died recently in that city.

She worked as a secretary in the insurance industry in the Springfield, MA, area.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam before retiring to Tampa 10 years ago.

She was a graduate of the High School of Commerce in Springfield.

Her husband of 65 years, William McEwan, died in 1993.

She leaves two sons, Alan of Seattle and Craig E. of Springfield; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A memorial service was scheduled to be held in Florida, and All County Funeral Home in Lakewood was in charge of the arrangements.

#### ERNEST J. MOCCIO

Ernest J. Moccio, 77, of 34 Dartmouth Street,

Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was an area mechanic for 36 years and retired from Monsanto Chemical Co. in the Indian Orchard section of Springfield in 1981.

Born in Chicopee, he lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam 45 years ago.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II and a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He belonged to the Ludlow and Agawam Golf Clubs and the Agawam Senior Center.

His wife, the former Pasqualina A. Albano, died in 1993.

He leaves two sons, Ernest J. Jr. of Westfield and Ronald J. of Southwick; a daughter, Lucille Ouimet of Southwick; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

#### CEDRIC J. PISEGNA

Cedric J. Pisegna, 76, a former resident of Feeding Hills, died on Monday, October 23rd.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Born in Worcester, he lived in Springfield for many years before moving to New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

He was a Roman Catholic.

He leaves his wife of 54 years, Julia S. Pisegna of Florida; a son, the Rev. Cedric Jr. of California; two daughters, Frances Caruso and Evelyn Cook; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was celebrated by his son at St. Mary's Church in Spencer. Molloy Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

## Informational Mtg. To Provide Overview Of Sex Offender Registry Board

An informational meeting providing an overview of the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board will be held at 7:00 p.m. on November 8th at the Agawam Police Department, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, in the Faolin Peirce Room.

In attendance from the Sex Offender Registry Board will be: Robert Baker, Director of Operations;

Stephen DiNatale, Director of Training and Community Services; and Robert DePardo, Terence Hartigan, and Thomas Lauro, Community Liaison Specialists.

If you plan to attend or have any questions, please contact Sgt. Curry at the Agawam Police Department, 786-4767.

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## Ag. Cultural Council's Program Listings For "First Friday" Series

\* **November 3rd, 7:30 P.M. - Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam.**

THE ENCORE CABARET: Featuring the Memory Lane Chorus of the Agawam Senior Center.

\* **December 1st, 7:30 P.M. - Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.**

HATS OFF TO AMERICANA: Music and vaudeville act presented by Carol Pedigree.

\* **February 2nd, 7:30 P.M. - Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.**

THE MOUNT TOM RANGE: Robert Schobe, historian and lecturer, will provide a historical tour of people, places, and things with pictures.

\* **March 2nd, 7:30 P.M. - Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.**

MICHAEL WHITE, AUTHOR: Novelist and short story writer.

\* **April 6th, 7:30 P.M. - Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam.**

DUSTI DEFRESNE, VOCALIST: Oldies, rock and roll, and country songs.

\* **May 4th, 7:30 P.M. - Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam.**

IN CONCERT - OLD POST ROAD ORCHESTRA: Musical selections from both classical and popular traditions.

Members of the Agawam Cultural Council: Barbara Cohen, Thelma Coughlin, Darcy Davis, Sylvia Deliso, Edward Filkoski, Michael Grandfield, Virginia Heyl, Donna Kennedy, Ritchie Mitnick, Howard Safford, Florida Tangocci, and Carlo Zingarelli.

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## Families

### Memory Lane Chorus To Perform At Agawam Senior Ctr.

The Memory Lane Chorus of the Agawam Senior Center will be featured in the November "First Friday" program on 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

The program will be given at the Agawam Senior Center in cabaret style with table seating and is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available during the concert. The "First Friday" programs are sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and supported by the Massachusetts Council for the Arts.

Since the formation of the chorus several years ago, a number of concerts have been presented at many local venues, including schools, senior centers, and nursing homes, as well as many town functions and recently at the Eastern States Exposition.

Originally known as the "World War II" Chorus, the group was formed for an intergenerational program between the Agawam High School and the Senior Center in 1997. A concert featured 33 songs from that era and included chorus students from AHS, Agawam Junior High, and Agawam Middle School, as well as the newly formed Senior group.

The following year, a program of "Memories of Broadway" was given at Agawam Junior High School and featured 59 songs covering many decades of Broadway shows with the assistance of nearly 200 members of the Agawam Junior High School Chorus.

A third year brought the group, now known as the "Memory Lane Chorus" back to their roots with a concert at the Middle School, "The Songs of World War I," which presented 47 songs that portrayed many of the thoughts and feelings of people during that time, on



**DARCY DAVIS OF AGAWAM, the former director of music in the Agawam Public Schools, will again lead the popular "Memory Lane Chorus" in concert in November.**

the battlefield and on the home front. That concert was repeated at the Southwick High School, sponsored by the Southwick Historical Society.

On Flag Day of this year, the chorus presented a concert of "Songs of the Flag" at the Senior Center.

Over the several year period including a number of

smaller programs, a total of some 300 songs have been sung by the group and the "Encore Cabaret" will present in repeat performance, several songs from each of the former major productions along with other numbers that were well received by the group's audiences.

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## Forastiere Funeral Home To Lead Balloon Release At Veterans' Day Ceremony

Red, white, and blue balloons will be released over Agawam on November 11th as part of Agawam's Veterans' Day Ceremony that will begin at 10:45 a.m. at Phelps School on School Street. The balloon release represents a nationwide effort by the National Funeral Directors Association and the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home to raise money for the WWII Memorial to be built in Washington, D.C.

The campaign, called "Celebration of Freedom," will involve the release of specially designed, EPA-approved, biodegradable balloons. The program is being coordinated by Loren and Mathew Forastiere of the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, Veterans' Agent Ed Kellogg, and the Agawam Veterans' Council. Although on Veterans' Day we honor all veterans, the Balloon Release will coincide with the groundbreaking ceremonies taking place in Washington, D.C. for the National World War II Memorial.

A contribution of \$10 or more sponsors a balloon to be released in the name of a WWII veteran or home-front worker. Come and join in the Balloon Release

and celebrate the memorial.

Any individuals or organizations interested in making a contribution can pick up donation envelopes at the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, Town Veterans' Dept., VFW and American Legion posts, or call Loren or Mathew Forastiere at 786-2600.

The Memorial will feature a "Registry of Remembrances" database that will include names in three categories; (1) those who gave their lives; (2) those who served in uniform; (3) those who supported the war effort from the homefront.

In 1973, a fire in the St. Lewis War Records Archives destroyed most of the WWII veterans' records. The Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home has been collecting names over the last nine months to be registered at the Memorial. The firm has also made donations in memory of veterans who have had their funeral services at the funeral home since 1999.

For more information on the Veterans' Day Ceremonies, call Ed Kellogg at the Town Veterans' Services Dept. or Loren and Mathew Forastiere.

## Children's Halloween Party At Agawam Legion Post 185

American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 185 will host the Annual Town Halloween Party on Sunday, October 29th. The party will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and is open to all the children from Agawam (from two to 10 years of age).

Come join us at the Post home at 478 Springfield Street for fun activities, goodies, and prizes for "Best Costume."

For more information, call Wilson-Thompson Auxiliary Unit 185 Children & Youth Chairperson Joann Caron at 569-2168, or the Legion at 786-4806.

## "Taste Of Italy" To Be Held At Mt. Carmel

The Annual Festival of the "Taste Of Italy" will once again be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School Auditorium, 36 Margaret St., Springfield on Saturday, November 4th. Food will be served beginning at 4:45 p.m.

A wide variety of your favorite Italian homemade foods representing many of the regions of Italy will be available. The dessert table will feature many unique Italian pastries.

Live Italian music will entertain you throughout the evening. A grand raffle drawing will take place at 7:30 p.m. Food tickets will be sold at all the entrances. Take-outs will be available.

Come join us for supper!!!!

## Benefit For Joyce Swales Planned For Nov. 4th

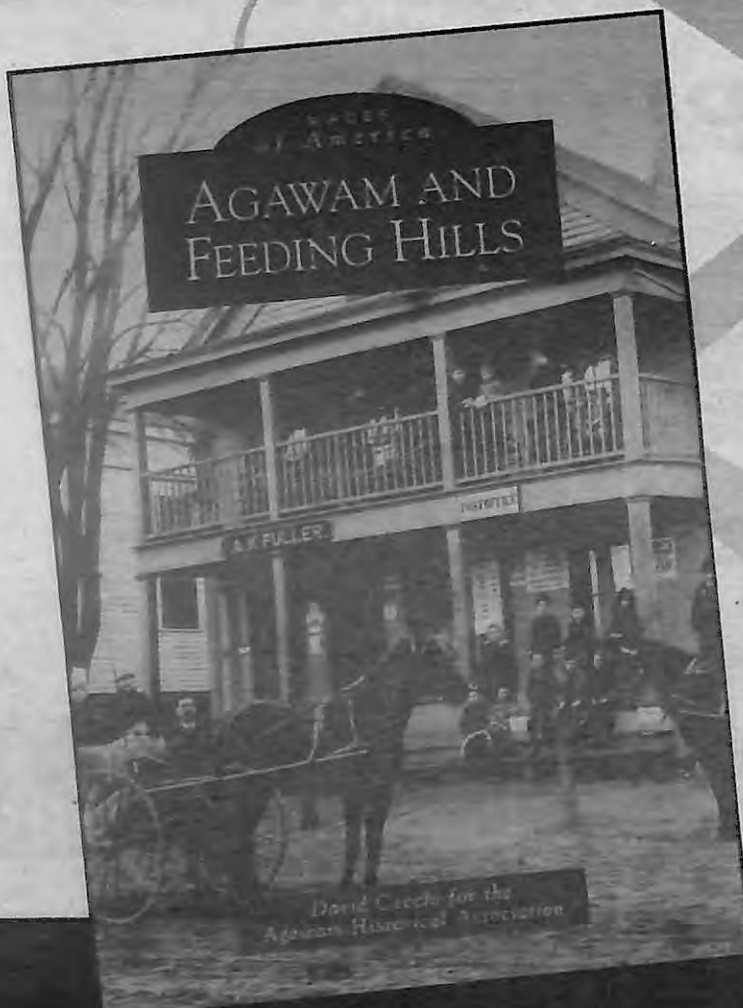
A benefit for Joyce Swales is being held November 4th at the Polish American Club, Route 57, Feeding Hills from 2:00 p.m.-??? Cost is \$25 a ticket and you have a choice of lobster of prime rib dinner, including pig roast, raw bar, live band, D.J., beer, and raffle prizes.

This benefit is being held for Joyce Fullam Swales, a 1960 Agawam High School graduate. She was in South Carolina to attend a family graduation and suffered a massive heart attack. Her son, Jeff, and his wife, Patti, drove to South Carolina to be with her. In

order for Joyce to return home, she had to be medically air lifted by MedFlight-Boston for the sum of \$7,500, which was not covered by her insurance. Your support of this benefit to defray these costs by contributing to our raffle would be greatly appreciated.

Please make checks payable to "Benefit for Joyce Swales." For raffle contributions, please call Jeff at (413) 796-7392 or Todd at (413) 237-4312 by Friday, November 3rd. Ticket sales deadline is Friday, October 27th.

# Have the man who wrote the book sign yours.



Stop by the Capt. Charles Leonard House Thursday, November 9th from 6:00-8:00pm and meet *Agawam & Feeding Hills* author David Cecchi. He'll be on hand to answer questions and sign copies of the new Images of America title which he authored for the Agawam Historical Association. The book retails for \$18.99 and will be available for purchase that night. Royalties from the book will be used by the historical association for renovations at the Agawam Historical & Fire House Museum.

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## Agawam Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, October 30th:** Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, corn, whole wheat bread, banana.

**Tuesday, October 31st:** "Health Expo" - turkey pot pie, tossed salad, breadsticks, Jell-O w/cake.

**Wednesday, November 1st:** Chicken cacciatore, ziti, marinated broccoli, Vienna bread, chocolate pudding.

**Thursday, November 2nd:** Pasta & egg soup, ham & cheese on a roll, four-bean salad, mixed fruit.

**Friday, November 3rd:** Stuffed salmon with dill sauce, rice Pilaf, green beans, whole wheat bread, pears.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

## Ag. Golden Age Club, Chapter 1 November Events

**Fri., Nov. 3rd:** Board of Directors' meeting, 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Wed., Nov. 8th:** Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. There will be a Thanksgiving raffle. Entertainment will be Bingo.

**Wed., Nov. 15th:** Day trip to the newly renovated Radio City Music Hall for their special Christmas show.

**Wed., Nov. 22nd:** Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m. Program to be announced.

**Thurs., Nov. 30th:** A day trip to the place of dreams at the Mohegan Sun Casino.

All Agawam seniors are welcomed to join Chapter 1. Call Helen Rogers, Membership Chairperson, at 786-3756 or Ed Organek, Trip Organizer, at 786-2453.

## Ag. Golden Age Club, Chapter 2 November Events

**Wednesday, Nov. 1st:** Regular meeting at Senior Center, 1:30 p.m. Mathew, Loren, & Peter Forastiere of Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home will give a presentation on the proposed WWII Memorial to be built in Washington, D.C. The Forastieres will show a short video and will explain about the Memorial Balloon Release Ceremony to honor all who served and supported the war effort. The ceremony will be in conjunction with our town's Veterans' ceremony, November 11th at Veterans' Field (next to Phelps School). Visitors are welcome.

**Wed., Nov. 1st-Nov. 10th:** Trip to Ireland.

**Monday, Nov. 13th:** Bus trip to Mohegan Sun.

**Tuesday, Nov. 14th:** Bus trip to Venus de Milo, Swansea, MA. Dinner & show, Branson Showcase, "Red, Hot, & Blue."

**Wednesday, Nov. 15th:** Regular meeting at Senior Center, 1:30 p.m. Bingo will be played.

Senior citizens living in Agawam are invited to join Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2.

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*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ...*

**ADVERTISER NEWS!!!**



**HAL DEYO WAS THE MEN'S WINNER** of the Shuffleboard Tournament held at St. John's Field for Agawam senior citizens on Tuesday, October 17th. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Jane Schmidt was the women's winner of the Shuffleboard Tournament. Jane's granddaughter, Jessica, was on hand to root grandma on.

## Agawam Senior Center Completes First Full Season Of Shuffleboard

On Tuesday, October 17th, the Agawam Senior Center completed its first full season of Shuffleboard competition at St. John's Field. In April, the courts were painted through the cooperative efforts of Chris Sparks, the Agawam Recreation Director, and Richard Mundo, the Director of the Senior Center.

The courts were used for practice and enjoyment on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the summer. Volunteer and instructor, Janice Schermerhorn was instrumental in keeping the courts active and teaching Shuffleboard technique, etiquette, and scoring.

The winners of the fall tournament received beauti-

ful orange trophies made by Charlie Heyl, a COA board member and owner-operator of Agawam Awards. The women's winner was Jane Schmidt and the men's winner was Hal Deyo. Although the cold breeze made it uncomfortable outside, a lunch including hot tortellini soup provided by Betty Couture, the Food Service Director, made the dozen Shuffleboard competitors satisfied with the morning competition.

Plans are already in the process for the 2001 summer season with tournaments scheduled in June, July, and August. For the snowbirds who travel south for the winter, **keep practicing!!!**

## Parish Cupboard Seeks "Pick Up" Volunteer

The Parish Cupboard needs a volunteer who will pick up a donation from the Agawam Public Market on Main Street twice each week.

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To de-emphasize roundness, keep your hair off the face. This will bring attention to your cheekbones, eyes, and jaw line. Use these features to your advantage with make-up techniques. You may wear your hair either long or short. Keep some layers on top to create fullness that will make your face appear longer. If your hair is fine, Paul Mitchell Volumizing spray applied to the roots and dried upside down will hold this fullness. Other hair types can benefit from Sculpting Foam to help define fullness in the crown area. Avoid fullness at the sides of the head.

Oval shaped faces can wear many styles. You can go short or long, but I suggest one length, as too many layers can create volume. Most persons with oval shapes have small faces and volume can be overwhelming. Cutting in wispy bangs are usually very attractive.

Heart or square shaped faces should keep some length in the back to "fill" in the slim jaw line. Keeping wispy bangs will camouflage a full forehead. Fullness at the earlobe level will help soften the angles. Keep hair with texture instead of straight.

Rectangle or long shaped faces should avoid a bob. This blunt short cut will only accentuate the length of your face. Avoid short bangs and fullness on the top. Instead, create fullness on the sides by blow-drying on low speed using a round brush. Using hot rollers on dried hair will also give you the fullness. Brush hair away from the face. This will expose your features and make your face appear fuller. If you like to have bangs on your face, keep them on the longer side and cut them around the eye instead of straight across. Keep them light and airy, not heavy and blunt.

The key to getting a great cut is to communicate to your stylist what you have in mind and bring a picture of the look you want to achieve. With the conversation and evaluation of your hair, she will be able to tell you the pros and cons of your choice and assess how suitable the style will be for your lifestyle and ability to care for it. Don't be afraid to give your comments, after all, you will be the one wearing the style and no hairstylist wants an unhappy client. Just remember to listen to her expert advice, as our experience teaches us how to determine whether you are really ready for that dramatic new look or if you are just on a whim.

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Pierson is the son of Tammy L. and Gregg A. Pierson of Main St., Agawam. He is a 1999 graduate of Agawam High School. Weinle is the son of John N. and Phyllis A. Weinle of Red Fox Drive, Feeding Hills. He is a 1999 graduate of Agawam High School.

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**Six days of Reggio**  
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# Sister City...

## Dreams Come True In "Six Days Of Reggio"

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

A concept 3-1/2 years in planning came true and then some for the 30-member Sister City Commission, three very special delegates from Reggio de Calabria in Italy, for Agawam's political representatives, and for hundreds of Agawam citizens who took part in the stream of cultural and educational activities during the six-day visit, which began on October 4th and ran through October 9th.

William Euliano of Feeding Hills, who chaired the 30-member Sister City Commission, told *The Advertiser News* that this was a real pilot project.

"None of us had any experience arranging such a cultural milestone. It was a tremendous amount of work, but in every sense of the word, the commission acted as a team."

There was first an ad hoc committee of 20 members formed in 1997. The purpose was to formulate a plan to select a sister city appropriate for Agawam.

"We divided Italy into distinct segments. Using the four basic criterion of cultural, social, economic, and educational benefits, we ultimately chose Reggio de Calabria. It was a long process, but in Italy, a sister city relationship is taken very seriously. In fact, once established, it is a lifelong relationship."

"We were given approval from Italy in 1999 and had a formal agreement with the Italian Mayor of Reggio de Calabria during the Christopher Johnson administration here," noted Euliano.

In January 2000, the Agawam Town Council voted to approve formation of a permanent sister city commission.

All ad hoc members were invited to be permanent commissioners and most accepted. Mayor Richard A. Cohen asked for letters of intent from residents interested in becoming part of a 30-member permanent Sister City Commission, each to serve a three-year term.

Commissioners were appointed by the Mayor and Terry Letellier of Agawam became vice chairman of the commission.

"In a way, it was a Godsend that three delegates from Reggio de Calabria joined us as opposed to a larger group," Euliano said. "We were able to stay much more focused and were allowed interactive conversations."

He expressed heartfelt thanks to residents Carmela Marzano, Anna Mineo, and Teresa Kozloski for serving as translators. "Each of them took extra time from their normally busy lives to allow us the ability to communicate with our Italian guests," said Euliano.

Through the entire process, Town Councilor Anthony Bonavita and Euliano shared a common vision. Joseph Langone was chairman of the Ad Hoc Commission through its infancy and gave a tremendous amount of direction during the selection process.

"I also want to thank John Negrucchi, who was on the Town Council at that time, for his help in getting the ad hoc commission approved by the council. He spearheaded the effort. There was a tremendous amount of enthusiasm from all the commissioners. The reason this endeavor was so successful is because of participation and work by each commissioner. There is 'strength in numbers,'" said Euliano.

Euliano also praised the efforts of Sister City Commissioner David Cecchi, a professional graphic artist.

"Not only did David design our logo, he also personally photographed the entire six days as well as design all of our advertising and our special program book. David took all of these responsibilities with great energy and I cannot say enough about his professionalism and ability to work with people. He is another reason why this effort was such a success."

The Italian delegates were overwhelmed. One of the highlights, according to them, was the tour of the Middle School and Agawam High School with Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruso and the



**HOLDING AN AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB COVERLET depicting historic Agawam are (from left) Linda Galarneau (commissioner), Domenicka Geria-Tescione, Dr. Paolo Scudo, Superintendent of Agawam Schools Frank Ameruso, Anthony C. Bonavita (commissioner), William Euliano (chairman), Gianfranco Tescione, and Mayor Richard A. Cohen. The presentation was made at a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Storowton Tavern. IN PHOTO BELOW: Sealing the Sister City relationship between Agawam and Reggio de Calabria are (from left) Gianfranco Tescione, William Euliano (chairman) and Mayor Richard A. Cohen. Also in photo are Terry Letellier (commissioner), Dr. Paolo Scudo, Domenicka Geria-Tescione, Anna Mineo of Feeding Hills (who served as interpreter), and Giuseppe Polimeni.**



commission.

Another special highlight was the luncheon held at the Agawam Senior Center. "The place was packed. There was a lot of dialogue, with many Agawam residents speaking Italian," said Euliano.

"Our guests were also quite impressed by the tour of the Agawam Fire Department. The sight of the ambulances sparked a comparative analysis of the health care in Italy and the United States, including Medicare, prescription drugs, and comprehensive insurance," said Euliano.

Another highlight for the delegates was the demonstration of some of the equipment. Fire Chief Dave Pisano presented Fire Department badges to each delegate.

Euliano noted, "Language was not a barrier. Communication can happen with eye contact and body language, and it's amazing how well two people can communicate."

### A Great Deal Of Anticipation...

There was a great deal of anticipation and spirits were high and goals were lofty. "Our plan was demon-

strative of what America and Agawam are about, and I think we, as well as the Italians, saw the best Agawam has to offer. Susan (Euliano's wife) and I met people through this commission we hardly even knew before this experience. Now they will be our friends for life because of this association. There was a family atmosphere of the whole team. I'm humbled by this entire experience."

"We established the foundation on which we can build a relationship. Our next order of business will be to see if we can get an Italian high school student from Reggio to come here for the next school year. We anticipate taking a group from Agawam to Reggio in late spring 2001."

"I consider at least part of that trip a trade mission to look for economic opportunities we can share in the sister city relationship. I have approached State Representative Daniel Keenan and we have had preliminary conversations about economic opportunities. He is enthusiastic about the potential," added Euliano.

Another important highlight of this historic adven-



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AT A RECEPTION AT THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER, Dr. Paolo Scudo introduces himself as Sister City Commissioner Terry Letellier (left) looks on. IN RIGHT PHOTO: The Italian delegation is presented roses during ceremonies in the Agawam High School gym.

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ture was Mayor Richard A. Cohen's fundraising festivity at the Polish American Club. Richard Theroux, never short on humorous observations, was quoted in *The Union News* for his insights on the irony of finding himself, with his Irish/French/Canadian background, at a fundraising event for the Mayor whereby an Italian meal was served at a Polish Club.

To further embellish upon this theme, after leaving Cohen's party, the delegates, commissioners, and many friends retired to a pork roast at the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street.

"The delegates told us that in Italy, if you belong to a political party, there are no fundraising activities. The state appropriates the money for each of the opponents. Each gets the same amount," Euliano said.

The culmination of the Six Days of Reggio for Euliano was the closing ceremony. "It was the best and then some of everything we had anticipated. The people of Agawam made me so proud. Everyone united to welcome these people. The best aspects of our community were represented," said Euliano.

The breakfast at Chez Josef on the last day of the delegates' visit was another highlight. Two vans had been rented for the duration of the visit and both were used for the trip to Boston, driven by Euliano and Letellier. Several commissioners and family members went along, stopping in North Boston at the Knights of Columbus and Conte's Restaurant.

"We had lunch, walked around North Boston, went to Logan Airport, and watched our guests as their flight took off. It was hard to say good-bye, but I believe there will be many times in the future when we will be together again," Euliano said. "The Six Days of Reggio were a dream come true."

## Ag. Senior Center's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Set For 11/17

On Friday, November 17th, at 11:30 a.m., the Agawam Senior Center will hold its Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Join us for a traditional turkey dinner (with all the fixings) for just \$3.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the well-loved Dan Kane & Ann Kelliher, direct from the Ivanhoe.

What's more, there will be a giant raffle at 2:00 p.m., so get your tickets!



THE PARADE OF AGAWAM CHILDREN was part of the festive ceremonies put on for the Italian delegation by the Agawam Sister City Commission in the Agawam High School gym.



THE DELISOS (Sylvia Deliso is a Sister City Commissioner) and commissioners and Town Councilors John Negrucci and Anthony C. Bonavita at a traditional turkey dinner held at Storowton Tavern.



# Sister City...



THAT TURKEY DINNER AT STOROWTON TAVERN certainly made members of the Cecchi family smile. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Sister City Commissioner Frank Mazzei presents an American flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. to the Italian delegation at ceremonies held at Agawam High School.



MAYOR RICHARD A. COHEN and Sister City Commissioner Terry Letellier (left, seated) greet our Italian visitors, seated, from left - Gianfranco Tescione, Domenicka Geria-Tescione, and Dr. Paolo Scudo at a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Storowton Tavern. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Agawam Town Council President Robert Magovern (center) presents the keys to the "City Called The Town of Agawam" to Dr. Paolo Scudo as Gianfranco Tescione looks on during ceremonies at Agawam High School.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL PAUL CAVALLO (left photo, center) welcomes the Italian delegation to the school before conducting their tour. From left - Susan Euliano, Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruoso, Terry Letellier, Anna Mineo, Joseph Tangocci, and Dr. Paolo Scudo. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Dr. Paolo Scudo accepts his rose from the grandchildren of Sister City Commissioner and Town Councilor John Negrucci, Jamie and Jessica. Looking on is Negrucci's wife, Cyndi.



## Sister City...



**DR. PAOLO SCUDO GOES ON LINE** to get his morning paper from Reggio de Calabria while on a tour of the Agawam Middle School. Looking on is Mayor Richard A. Cohen.



**LAURIE CECCHI**, wife of Sister City Commissioner David Cecchi, and their two boys, Bailey and Joe, are pictured during ceremonies at Agawam High School to honor the town's Italian visitors.



**SISTER CITY COMMISSIONER TERRY LETELLIER** with his new Italian friends at a breakfast at Chez Josef before their return home. From left - Dr. Paolo Scudo, Gianfranco Tescione, Letellier, and Domenicka Geria-Tescione.

## A Pictorial History Of Agawam... Images Of America Royalties To Fund Fire House Museum

A project that began as a dream several years ago comes to a close as the Agawam Historical Association announces the publication of the latest Images of America Series Agawam & Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. Association president Rick Bellico was hooked when he learned of Arcadia Press' regional history program where local historical societies can earn a percentage of book royalties by gathering the information and having Arcadia publish the book under its "Images of America" title. "We're in the midst of turning the former Elm Street Fire Station into the Agawam Historical & Fire House Museum, so any royalties we receive will be put right into that project."

The book got off to a slow start. "We had to work to overcome the 'you don't want my family photos' stigma, because that is exactly what we wanted. Every photograph has a story to tell and is a part of our town's history," explains author David Cecchi, who serves on the board of the association.

Cecchi spent nearly eight months visiting people, gathering hundreds of photographs and reams of information, then working late into the night writing captions for each of the 223 images that ultimately appear in the book. "I had to reintroduce myself to my family after I sent the manuscript off the publisher. My wife and sons deserve a lot of credit for putting up with me as an absentee husband and father."

What made the effort worthwhile for Cecchi? "For me, history is about sharing the information you know. I met a whole circle of wonderful people who shared their photographs, their time, and their lives with me. They taught me a tremendous amount about the town I've lived in my whole life and I can't thank them enough for their contribution to this worthwhile cause. That I can now share that information with the readers of this book is very important to me. I am not exaggerating when I say that this is one of the most incredible projects I've ever been involved with."

The books will begin appearing in local bookstores at any time. However, Cecchi asks that you consider purchasing the book directly from the Agawam Historical Association, as the association earns a much higher royalty from the books they sell directly. The book will be available in the lobby of the Agawam Public Library Monday, October 30th, from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m. Other dates will be publicized in coming weeks.

Or, you can send a check for \$18.99 made payable to: Agawam Historical Association, to Agawam & Feeding Hills, Agawam Historical Association, P. O. Box 552, Agawam, Mass. 01001 along with your name, address, and telephone number. You will be contacted when and where the books will be available for pick-up. For more information, call Carol or Bill Miller at 786-7329.

A book-signing has also been scheduled for Thursday night, November 9th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street, Agawam. Author David Cecchi will be on hand to sign copies and answer questions. Copies of the book will also be available for purchase that night.

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MR. &amp; MRS. PETER ERMIE, JR.

## Joy-Ann Conte Weds Peter Ermie, Jr.

St. Theresa of Infant Jesus Church in Agawam was the setting for the marriage of Joy-Ann Conte and Peter Ermie, Jr. on October 7, 2000. Fr. William Rousseau was the celebrant for the autumn afternoon ceremony. A reception followed at the Colonial Inn in East Windsor, Connecticut.

Parents of the bride are Joseph and Bernadette Conte, Jr. of Feeding Hills. Mary Catherine and Philip Caron and Peter and Maria Ermie of Perrysburg, Ohio are parents of the groom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Christine Lindsey as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jean Bartholomew, cousins of the bride Donna Lewandowski, Andrea Conte, and Hope Bigda-Peyton, and sister of the groom Alyse Caron.

Merritt Obreiter was the groom's best man. Groomsmen were brothers of the groom Eric Ermie and Michael Ermie, Darrin Raymer, Ryan Patton and cousin of the bride Louis Conte, Jr.

Mrs. Ermie graduated from Agawam High School and the University of Rochester, New York. She is employed by MicroTest Laboratories of Agawam.

Mr. Ermie graduated from Perrysburg High School and the University of Toledo, Ohio. He is employed as a corporate manufacturing engineer at Toledo Molding and Die.

The couple honeymooned in Mexico and reside in Toledo, Ohio.

## Agawam Women's Club To Host Fall Fashion Show

The Agawam Women's Club will host a Fall Fashion Showcase and Buffet Luncheon on Sunday, October 29th from 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m. at Chez Josef in Agawam.

Social will be held from noon to 12:30, with luncheon from 12:30-2:00 p.m., and fashion show from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Fashions by Lorraine's Fashion Showcase of Holyoke will include cruise wear, evening, formal, and bridal gowns for your viewing delight. Many door prizes and three large raffle baskets will be given away.

Donation for the event is \$22 per person, which will help sponsor the Women's Club's many community projects, including local nursing homes, schools, police station, fire station, the historical Leonard House, and even the Holyoke Soldiers' Home.

For tickets and further information, please call 786-3091 or 789-4870.



MR. &amp; MRS. STEVEN GEE

## Gretchen Vogel Weds Steven Gee

The Terrace at The Log Cabin Banquet & Meeting House on Easthampton Road in Holyoke was the setting for the magnificent morning wedding celebration uniting Gretchen Vogel and Steven Cary Gee on Sunday, May 28, 2000. A cocktail hour and reception in The Easthampton Room immediately followed the ceremony.

The bride, age 24, is a graduate of Agawam High School. She received her bachelor of science degree in biology technology from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester. She is currently a student in a Ph.D. program at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Gretchen is the daughter of Denise and William H. Vogel, Jr., who reside on Losito Lane in Agawam.

The groom is the son of Helen and Richard F. Gee of Sebastian, Florida. He is a graduate of South Kingston High School in South Kingston, Rhode Island. Steven is a general contractor and owner of SGC Construction Company in Charlestown, Rhode Island.

Amy Castellucci assisted her future sister-in-law as maid of honor. Shannon Hogan, Dyan DeLuce, and Aimee Courchesne, all formerly of Agawam, and Melissa Leahy of Worcester also served as attendants to the bride. Jackie and Ashley Gee, daughters of the groom, assisted Gretchen as her junior bridesmaids.

Best man, Barry Gee, brother of the groom, and William H. Vogel III, brother of the bride, together with Matt DiFabio, Brian Gee, and Doug Snow, all of Rhode Island, served as groomsmen.

After a two-week honeymoon in St. Lucia, Gretchen and Steven now reside in Charlestown, Rhode Island.



MR. &amp; MRS. BRETT GRAVELINE

## Jodie Vaillancourt Weds Brett Graveline

East Orrington Congregational Church in Orrington, Maine was the setting for the recent wedding of Jodie Marie Vaillancourt and Brett Thomas Graveline. The Rev. Robert T. Carlson performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ron & Brenda Vaillancourt of Orrington, Maine. The groom is the son of Jack & Dorothy Graveline of Agawam. Grandparents of the bride are Nola Wilson and the late Elmer Wilson of Old Town, Maine. Grandparents of the groom are Helen Graveline and the late Arthur Graveline of Feeding Hills.

Matron of honor was Heather Olson of Fort Worth, Texas, friend of the bride. Jack Graveline served his son as best man. Bridesmaids were Kimberly Graveline, sister of the groom, Rhonda Cote, sister of the bride, Christine Davis and Eleody Libby, friends of the bride. The flower girl was Taylor Davis. Groomsmen were Steve Cote, brother of the bride, Ronald and Matthew DiFabio, cousins of the groom, and Kerry Jones, friend of the bride and groom.

Mr. & Mrs. Graveline are both graduates of East Coast Aero Tech in Bedford, Massachusetts. They are employed by Telford Aviation in Bangor, Maine as FAA licensed Aviation Maintenance Technicians.

The couple honeymooned in Aruba and reside in Orrington, Maine.

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SHAYDEN BLAINE CONLIN

## Conlin Family Announces Birth Of Shayden Blaine

Sonia and Troy Conlin of Feeding Hills are the proud parents of Shayden Blaine, born on September 26th at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She weighed six pounds, six ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Fern and Solange Aube of Westfield. Paternal grandparents are Daniel and Janice Conlin of Feeding Hills.

## Martin Family Announces Birth Of Third Son

Lori & Gerry Martin of Springfield are pleased to announce the birth of their third son, Gerald Joseph Martin, Jr.

Gerry arrived on October 6, 2000, and weighed eight pounds, 14 ounces and was 22 inches long.

To welcome him home are his two big brothers, Tom and Andrew.

Gerry is the 21st grandchild of Lucille Martin of Wilbraham and the late William Martin.

He is the sixth grandson of Don & Ellie Strong of Feeding Hills.

## Chez Josef To Host Monthly Breakfast Club

Chez Josef in Agawam will be the host of the November Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield Breakfast Club on November 1st at 7:15 a.m. with Chief Greeter Robert Carnevale of Palmer Goodell Insurance Agency and Breakfast Chair Amy Sauve of Longmeadow Flowers.

Sponsored by Baystate Health System and Associated Builders, the monthly breakfast will honor area companies for their achievements over the years. Among those being honored are *Springfield Journal* on its 25th anniversary, Crestview Country Club and Baystate Medical Center on its new leadership, Hampden-Zimmerman Electric Supply on its new building, United Cooperative Bank and SFC-Springfield Food Service Corporation on their expansions, and will spotlight the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

Tickets to the November breakfast are \$12, and reservations must be made in writing and in advance. Reservations may be made by faxing or mailing Laurie Brunelle, Events Coordinator, Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield, Inc., 1441 Main Street, Suite 136, Springfield, MA 01103-1449, fax: (413) 731-8530.

## Parish Cupboard Announces "Holiday Hours" For Donations

The Parish Cupboard in West Springfield has announced "Holiday Hours" for the delivery of Thanksgiving donations. Beginning November 1st, citizens may drop donations off at the Parish Cupboard, 1023 Main Street, West Springfield, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings; or by appointment by calling 734-7969.

Thanksgiving food will be distributed at the Parish Cupboard beginning November 1st.

"Unlike years past, we will be giving a special holiday food package to everyone who comes to us in November," said Candy Boucher, Executive Director. "Therefore, our need for food early in the month is greater."

She continued, "I know we can count on our Agawam, Feeding Hills, and West Springfield neighbors to share the spirit of thanksgiving with their neighbors in need."

Area churches have been challenged to bring in 50 turkeys each. "There will be no prizes, except their reward in heaven," remarked Boucher.

Donations needed for Thanksgiving are turkeys, boxed stuffing, fresh or boxed potatoes, gravy, canned vegetables, flour, sugar, and dessert mixes.

Remember, NO FOOD DONATIONS should be left on the Parish Cupboard porches after hours. Cash donations are always welcome at 1023 Main Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

## Flower Design Classes At Ag. Senior Ctr.

Flower Design by Elaine will be offered on the first Wednesday of the month from November 1st through December 6th at the Agawam Senior Center.

The program is free and open to the public.

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## News From Faith Bible Church

A Halloween Alternative - Halo Eve Fest at 370 Shoemaker Lane on Tuesday, Oct. 31st from 6:00-9:00 p.m. put on by our Teen Group. Fun, food, games, prizes, face painting, moonwalk, and more to enjoy for kids of all ages.

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On November 5th, we will be changing from two services to one service at 10:30 a.m., with adult Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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November 19th will be our "Building Dedication" to be held at the church, 370 Shoemaker Lane, at 2:00 p.m. We are so excited that this finally has happened and want to share our joy with all. Immediately following the dedication, refreshments will be served.

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Our annual "Thanksgiving Dinner" will be held November 19th at 5:00 p.m. at the church. Everyone is asked to bring a dish and we will all celebrate Thanksgiving as a family. This time is always enjoyable and quite filling, but the fellowship is best of all. This dinner is open to all who would like to attend.

## Agawam Senior Ctr. Announces Upcoming Monthly Dances

The monthly Friday dances at the Agawam Senior Center are from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

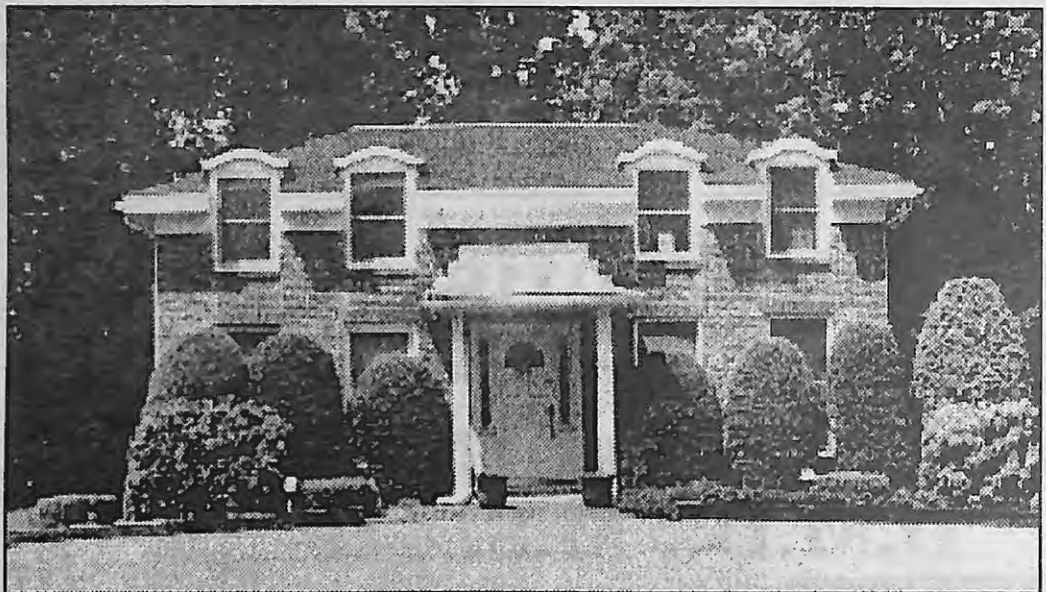
The cost for the dance is \$6.00, which includes a live band, punch, dessert, and coffee.

The live bands performing and the dates of the monthly Friday dances are as follows:

Friday, Nov. 10th (at Agawam Baptist Church) - The Memories Big Band; and Friday, Dec. 8th - The Richie Mitnick Band.

Note: The dances are the second Friday of every month!

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## Church News

On Sunday, October 29th...

### Rev. Earl E. Eisenbach To Be Installed As Pastor Of Agawam Congregational Church

On Sunday, October 29th, the Rev. Earl E. Eisenbach will be installed as the Pastor of the Agawam Congregational Church. The Hampden Association of the United Church of Christ will preside at the installation under the leadership of the Moderator, the Rev. Lorrie Dunham-Bergmann.

The service of installation is a service of "Covenants" - the Pastor, Congregation and Association exchange "covenants," to be in ministry together. A highlight of the service is when all the clergy present lay hands on the Pastor and his wife, Barbara, to pray for them and for the congregation.

The sermon "What Makes a Church Exciting" will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Donald W. Morgan, Minister Emeritus, First Church of Christ, Wethersfield, CT. The "Charge" to the congregation will be by the church's previous Interim Pastor, The Dr. Eric W. Bascom. The "Charge" to the Pastor and his wife will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. J. Jey Deifell, Jr., Senior Pastor, First Church of Wethersfield, CT.

The Rev. Len Cowan, Rector of St. David's Episcopal Church of Agawam, will bring greetings from the local Clergy Association. Mr. Robert A. Magovern, President, City Council, will bring greetings from the Town. From the region, Mr. Brian Doyle will bring greetings from Vision New England.

Mr. Victor Ruby, Moderator of the Congregation, will welcome everyone. Mr. Warren Tapply, Deacon, will present the Pastor for installation. Rev. Eisenbach's pastor from his home church, First Church Congregational, Fairfield, CT, The Rev. David W. Spollett, will bring a personal word.

Mrs. Deborah Shepard, Chairperson, Committee of



REV. EARL E. EISENBACH

Church & Ministry, Hampden Association, will present the Pastor to the Congregation on behalf of the Association.

Other participants in the church include the Rev. Allyn B. Benedict, Rector, Christ Church Parish, Watertown, CT, who will anoint the Pastor and his wife and lead in the prayer with the laying on of hands by all the clergy present inviting the Holy Spirit's blessing. The Rev. Dr. Roger S. Nicholson, Minister at Large, United Church of Christ, will lead the congregation in the Statement of Faith of the United Church of Christ.

The Rev. Toby Gbeh of New Milford Chapel, New Milford, CT, will bring a blessing. The Rev. Lloyd R. Thompson, Poquonock Community Church,

Poquonock, CT, will read the scripture. The Prayer of Invocation will be given by the Rev. Thomas F. Dean, Pastor, First Church of Christ, Unionville, CT.

The Agawam Chorale, under the direction of the Minister of Music, will sing "I will Serve the Lord All My Days" by Price and Besis, and "I will Rejoice and Be Glad" by Martin. The service is open to the public and a reception in Bryan Hall will follow the service.

For the last seven years, Rev. Eisenbach has been Interim Minister for the Connecticut Conferences of the United Church of Christ, having been Interim Pastor of Churches in Burlington, Oxford, Washington, Mystic, and Monroe. He and his wife, Barbara, are members of the Order of St. Luke, an international prayer and healing ministry. They both are board members of "The Oratory of the Little Way," an ecumenical retreat center in Gaylordsville, CT, which is affiliated with the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. He is also a member of Churches Uniting in Global Mission, affiliated with the "Hour of Power" and the Crystal Cathedral.

Before Interim Ministry, he was an active lay leader of the First Church Congregational of Fairfield, CT, while he was an Executive Search Consultant for various firms in New York City and West Hartford.

Before his business career, Rev. Eisenbach was an ordained Presbyterian minister and was Pastor of churches in New York and New Jersey, and executive director of the Personnel and Career Counseling Service, a pastoral counseling center affiliated with the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. Rev. Eisenbach is a graduate of Bloomfield College, NJ, and of Princeton Theological Seminary. He is also a graduate of the Westchester Institute.

### Announcements From Valley Community Church

On the calendar:

**Thursday, Oct. 26th:** 7:00 p.m., Praise and Prayer Service.

**Friday, Oct. 27th:** 6:00 p.m., Parish Life Pot Luck Supper and Halloween Party.

**Sunday, Oct. 29th:** 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service (with Junior Worship and Nursery available); 10:30 a.m., Fellowship and refreshments; 11:00 a.m., Sunday School and Adult Christian Ed.

**Monday, Oct. 30th:** 7:30 p.m., Ladies Bible Study.

**Wednesday, Nov. 1st:** 7:00 p.m., Senior Choir Rehearsal.

**Thursday, Nov. 2nd:** 7:00 p.m., Open Bible Time.

It only takes a moment to stop and "take in" the wonder of God's works. Surely we can do that, even with all the stress and strain that seem to fill our daily lives. Have you taken a moment to praise the Lord for His goodness and Grace?

We invite you to spend that "moment" with us at Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield St. in

Feeding Hills, MA. We are a non-denominational church and welcome all of the Christian faith to join us in celebration of God's Word and Christ's work in our lives.

Spend a quiet moment on the hill overlooking the autumn splendor of the Pioneer Valley reflecting, praising, praying. If you feel led, come into our lovely sanctuary and speak to our shepherd Pastor Gene deJongh. Take a moment - you'll be glad you did. You may also call the church at 786-2445.

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## Parish News And Notes From St. John's Church

**PRESCHOOL SUNDAY PROGRAM:** We have begun this week our *Preschool Program* for children ages 3-5 in the lower Church during the 9:30 Mass each Sunday. We hope families will find this a helpful service.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS 2001:** Our new Confirmation Class (our 11th-graders) are invited to sign in to our program next Sunday at the 9:30 Mass. (Forms are at the Parish Center for those who did not pick them up.)

**PARISH PLAY GROUP:** The Parish Play Group meets in the lower Church each Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. For info, call Julianne Rossi at 786-3744.

**PARISH WEB SITE:** Our WEB SITE has been completed and is up and running. The NEW Ministry Schedules are posted should you lose your printed copy. Suggestions are welcomed ... [www.stjohnnevanglistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnnevanglistchurch.org).

**GIVING TREE:** It is time to once again plan for the GIVING TREE, our special Parish Christmas Project. If you are aware of any family in the parish in need of Christmas gifts, please give the name, address, and phone number to Sr. Mary Clare by November 1st. Requests received after this deadline will not be able to be processed this year.

**ST. JOHN'S OVER 60 CLUB:** The annual Mass for Deceased Members will be November 2nd at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

**AGAWAM CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB:** The Women's Club is selling the "Entertainment Books" for \$20. You can participate in this fundraiser by calling Lil Doyle at 786-9586.

## News & Activities From Sacred Heart Church In F.H.

### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Mass of Remembrance will be on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. We cordially invite anyone who has lost a loved one to come and remember them at this Mass. There will be refreshments in the Parish Center after the Mass.

### ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association will be holding the first of its sign-ups for the 2001 softball/baseball season.

The sign-ups will take place in the Parish Center as follows: **Saturday, November 4th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.;** **Sunday, November 5th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association is looking for new board members. Please mail your responses to Fr. Ron, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Deadline is Friday, November 17th.

### MASS BOOK

On Monday, October 16th, the book became available for all 2001 Masses. Only one (1) Mass may be booked at this time. On Tuesday, January 2, 2001, two (2) more Masses may be booked.

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## Announcements & Events From Crossroads Christian Fellowship In Feeding Hills

Crossroads is located at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning worship begins at 10:00 a.m. with worship leader Michael Caba and Pastor Gary Reiff teaching.

We have Home Groups meeting every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (one in Springfield and one in Westfield).

Monday evening, 6:30 p.m. - "Red Sky In The Morning" video series by Bill Bright & John Damoose. This video study will take you on an exciting adventure defining how we can capture God's purpose for

America and how we can discover God's plan for our lives.

Intercessory Prayer: Sunday morning, 9:00 a.m., and Monday morning, 10:30 a.m.; Harp & Bowl: Monday evening, 6:30 p.m. (worship & intercession).

YWAM (Youth With A Mission from Texas): Wednesday, November 1st, at 7:00 p.m.

For further information, please call the church office at 821-0937.

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### Lessons From Miracles...

It's no secret that during His approximately three-year ministry, Jesus performed many miracles. Most of Jesus' miracles involved healing people of devastating diseases. Jesus was even able to heal people of lifelong, and otherwise irreversible, disabilities.

**Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and His disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many people rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want Me to do for you?" Jesus asked the man. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.**

There are several lessons from this report which

we can apply to our lives, even some 2000 years later. Among them, and perhaps most universal, is the demonstration of God's love for every single last one of us.

To at least some of his contemporaries, Bartimaeus was unpleasant. For some, Bartimaeus was a pest. His begging was never ending. He even begged for Jesus' attention as He passed by. "For crying out loud," they might have thought, "can't you shut up when a celebrity comes by?" But to Jesus, Bartimaeus was a real live person in need of God's grace. Jesus was only too happy to deliver God's grace to him.

Some of us may be beset by overwhelming problems. We might think that nobody cares about us or our problems. Maybe no other person really does. Sometimes it seems that the world has neither the time nor the energy to care about our problems anymore. But God cares for us, immensely. Even if our world shouts "be quiet!", don't listen; God cares for you!

Another lesson for us today is that God is bigger than our problems. God is still in the problem-solving and the healing business, even today. We can't explain why some people are healed miraculously and some are not, but we can celebrate with and for those who are healed. In any event, for those who are suffering, reach out to God!

Finally, for those who may feel spiritually blind, there is hope. Following Bartimaeus' example wouldn't be a bad idea. **Imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.** Notice that Bartimaeus deliberately and intensely called upon Jesus. Bartimaeus was not passive in seeking Jesus. Even when the crowd rebuked him, Bartimaeus pressed on anyway. We ought not to let

anything or anybody stand in our way in seeking God.

The path to a personal and intimate relationship with God is not necessarily an easy one. It may have potholes and detours along the way. One wonders how long Bartimaeus sat begging, until that wonderful day when Jesus came walking by. Bartimaeus had somehow prepared himself for the possibility of finding God in his life. As soon as he heard it was **Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"**

Now, it shouldn't even have to be mentioned, but there are those who would deny that Jesus even performed any miracles in the first place. They say the accounts of the miracles were made up by the early church in an attempt to deify Jesus; and that Jesus was really just an ordinary human being like the rest of us. However, the naysayers face an insurmountable obstacle: the plain truth. There is no report, not even a single one, of Jesus performing a miracle in secret. Everything He did, He did in plain view. As an example, we notice that in this particular report, Jesus was far from alone. **As Jesus and His disciples, together with a large crowd...**

There were doubters in Jesus' day, even as there are now. But we shouldn't be persuaded by those who really don't know what they're talking about. Their idle speculations might be good enough for them, but not for us! Indeed, we ought to pay attention to those who were "on the ground," so to speak. Hear what one of Jesus' friends said: **Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.**

## News & Notes From Feeding Hills Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Making Everything New." The Scripture reading is Revelation 21:1-7, 22:1-5. Sue Boisvert will be Lector. Ushers will be Sharon and Ben Rozanski.

Sunday School students will host our Social Hour. This week's Youth Moment is "The Church's Holy Ghost."

Children, who are invited to attend worship with adults, may leave when indicated for Sunday School. Nursery care is provided for the very young.

There will be a special meeting of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church called by the **Church Council** immediately following worship service on Sunday, November 5th. Letters with the complete call have been mailed to members.

If you are a church member and did not receive a letter about this special meeting, please call the office at 786-5061.

The second of a series of three adult spiritual

retreats will take place on Friday, October 27th. Previous attendance is not required.

There will be time alone as well as together as a group to reflect on our spirituality.

The meeting of the **Community Outreach Committee** has been rescheduled for **November 14th** at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the **Confirmation Class** who will be attending worship at the Greek Orthodox Church in Springfield on November 5th are asked to meet at the Feeding Hills Church at 9:15 a.m.

Plans are underway for a **Chicken Pie Supper** to be held here on Saturday, November 11th. Helpers are needed.

Please contact Kathy Rose, Lani Kretschmar, or Bernice Burton on Sunday morning, or call the church office at 786-5061 if you would be able to help.

The Agawam Parish Association will be hosting the third annual **Kathy Manley Memorial Thanksgiving Day Dinner** on Thursday, November 23rd, at Feeding Hills Congregational Church from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. Everyone

in town is invited to be our honored guest.

If you are interested in volunteering to help make this event a success, you may contact Art Theobald, volunteer supervisor, at 789-4271.

On the calendar:

**Friday, October 27th:** 7:30 p.m., Adult Spiritual Retreat; **Saturday, October 28th:** Daylight Savings Time ends; set your clocks back one hour before going to bed!; **Sunday, October 29th:** 10:00 a.m., Worship/Sunday School; 12:00 noon, Church of Redemption.

**Monday, October 30th:** 3:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; **Tuesday, October 31st:** 3:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., Church of Redemption in halls.

**Wednesday, November 1st:** 3:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Confirmation; 7:30 p.m., Choir; **Thursday, November 2nd:** 3:15 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Hampden Assoc. Mission Comm. (parlor).



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### Knowing God Personally

He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. —Psalm 103:7

Most Christians would prefer to see God perform mighty miracles rather than to have fellowship with Him and learn His ways.

Today's text says that God made known His mighty acts to the people of Israel, but to Moses He "made known His ways." Exodus 33 records a great crisis in which Moses humbly prayed, "If I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way." He wanted to know God and His plans for His people more than to see another mighty miracle. No wonder the Lord conversed with him "as a man speaks to his friend" (v.11).

Commenting on the difference between ways and acts, F. B. Meyer wrote, "Ways, or plans, are only made known to the inner circle of the saints; the ordinary congregation learns only His acts."

A talented friend of mine, Jennifer, learned this difference after spending several years in a wheelchair. One day she tearfully prayed, "Lord, I could have done so much for You, if only I could have been healthy." God's response was inaudible but clear: "Many people work for Me, but very few are willing to be My friend."

If you desire to know God personally more than you long to see His mighty miracles, you'll be satisfied. —JEY

*Once it was the blessing, now it is the Lord;  
Once it was the feeling, now it is His Word;  
Once His gift I wanted, now the Giver own;  
Once I sought for healing, now Himself alone. —Simpson*

**Knowing God is not only seeing His works  
but also learning His ways.**



## News & Notes From Ag. Congregational

On Sunday, October 29th, there will be a Covenant Renewal Service with Rev. Earl Eisenbach speaking on the topic: "On the Threshold of a New Tomorrow." Then, at 4:00 p.m., the Agawam Congregational Church will be installing Rev. Eisenbach as its Pastor, with the Hampden Association of the United Church of Christ officiating. There will be a reception to follow. All are welcome.

During the morning worship, childcare is available for infants and toddlers. The Senior Choir, under the leadership of Ellen Cogen, will be singing. Pastor Earl and his wife, Barbara, are members of the Order of St. Luke (an ecumenical world-wide healing organization) and are available for prayer after the service. Also, following the service there is a fellowship hour in Bryan Hall.

A new photo directory is being compiled. Sign-ups for appointments with the photographer for November 3rd and 4th will be taken Sunday at Coffee Hour or by calling Ann Woodard at 786-1675.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Wednesday morning. We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship. This is a great time for men to come together and be strengthened.

The Midweek Prayer, Healing, and Communion Service continues on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is an informal service of prayer, com-

munion, and meditation on the healing ministry of Jesus.

Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.: "Wrestling with Angels" - a discussion series that tackles life issues head-on. The topic will be "Why Is Love So Hard?" The co-leaders are Barbara Eisenbach and Gerry Desroches.

On November 4th, there will be a Pizza & Bingo Party at the church (this is open to all). Pizza will be served starting at 5:00 p.m., and Bingo will be played from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be prizes to be won!

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on November 18th. We need your help! We are looking for baked goods, candy, craft items, and clothing in mint condition for the Clothes Boutique.

Sunday, November 19th is "Blanket Sunday." Lou & Matt Blackak will be in the Narthex on November 5th, 12th, and 19th to take donations for blankets.

These blankets are \$5 and used for the needy in the area and around the world.

Members of the community are invited to participate in all the church events. For further information, the church office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every weekday; call 786-7111.

## St. David's To Host Spaghetti Dinner

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Spaghetti & Meatballs Dinner on Monday, November 6th, at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, garden salad, bread & butter, coffee, tea, juice, and hot fudge sundaes.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages five to 12, and FREE for children under five years of age. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's or at the door.

Due to a sell-out on most of last year's dinners, we will be unable to hold unpaid reservations past 6:15 p.m. without prior arrangements.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

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## Activities At St. Anthony's & St. Theresa's

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday-Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m., St. Theresa;  
**Thursday:** 7:00 p.m., St. Theresa; **Friday & Saturday:** 9:00 a.m., St. Anthony; **Saturday:** 4:30 p.m., St. Theresa; **Sunday:** 8:30 a.m., St. Anthony; 11:00 a.m., St. Theresa.

**Holy Day Vigil:** 6:00 p.m., St. Anthony; **Holy Day:** 9:00 a.m./6:00 p.m., St. Theresa; **Rosary:** One half-hour before daily Mass.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, October 29th:** 9:15 a.m., CCD;  
**Monday, October 30th:** 7:00 p.m., CCD.

**Tuesday, October 31st:** 6:00 p.m., Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints at St. Anthony's;  
**Wednesday, November 1st:** 9:00 a.m., Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints at St. Theresa's; 6:00 p.m., Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints at St. Theresa's.

**Thursday, November 2nd:** 7:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal for the combined choirs at St. Anthony's;  
**Saturday, November 4th:** 5:15 p.m., Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, 1st sitting; 6:15 p.m., 2nd sitting.

**Sunday, November 5th:** 9:15 a.m., CCD; 5:00 p.m., UNICO National, Agawam Chapter, 18th Annual Requiem Memorial Mass; **Monday, November 6th:** 8:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal; 7:00 p.m., CCD.

\* **Tuesday, November 7th:** 7:30 p.m., Parish Commission's Meeting in the Parish Education Center; \* **Thursday, November 9th:** 7:30 p.m., 4:30 Choir rehearsal.

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## Spotlight on Business

### Six Flags N.E. Wins 12th Annual Exemplary Employer Award

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci, and The Governor's Commission on Employment of People with Disabilities recently named Six Flags New England as one of the 17 winners of the 12th Annual Exemplary Employer Award for the Park's dedication and service to individuals with disabilities.

Six Flags New England is one out of 17 organizations that were chosen to win this award for their outreach, recruitment, and participation in, and support of, organizations and activities that increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

The award was presented to Six Flags New England at the 2000 12th Annual Exemplary Employer Awards Ceremony in Boston on Friday, October 20th. "People with disabilities are a valuable asset to the Six Flags family," says Six Flags New England General Manager Tim Black. "We focus on what this group can do and not what they can't do, and match them with job opportunities to maximize their potential."

Six Flags New England strives to implement management policies that promote a culturally diverse workforce, including individuals with disabilities. The Park is a significant employer in Western Massachusetts and has helped the area grow economically through the employment of local residents. Six Flags employs a year-round recruiter who actively reaches out to the community, including the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Community Enterprises, New England Business Associates, Goodwill Industries, Veterans Administration Center, local schools, and senior citizens' centers.

Formerly known as Riverside Amusement Park, the 235-acre park, spanning the banks of the Connecticut River near Springfield, has been completely transformed into a whole new world of thrills and fun. Four consecutive years of significant new capital in the form of big-time new rides, attractions, and themed sections converged this year to create a new blockbuster Six Flags caliber park.

*Grand Opening Slated For November 9th...*

### Keenan & Molta Open Office In Longmeadow

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates has announced that a Grand Opening will take place at its new office at 136 Dwight Road in Longmeadow. The event will take place on November 9th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. (This Grand Opening was originally publicized to take place on November 2nd, but the date had to be changed.) The new Longmeadow/Springfield office will be home to more than 40 agents.

"We're excited about this Grand Opening. The new office will truly be a one-stop shopping center for our real estate customers," says Bob Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates.

The 5,000 square-foot facility houses a media center where customers can scan through available properties by computer and see the listings on an oversized monitor. The office also houses the company's Relocation and Mortgage Divisions. Customers inter-

ested in building their own home will also find assistance here through Keenan & Molta's Homes Division.

The new office is a state-of-the-art place to work for the company's agents who have the latest technology at their fingertips. This will help each Keenan & Molta agent serve his or her clients more efficiently.

The new office was opened in early September after the company moved out of its former Springfield and Longmeadow offices to consolidate its services and agents at the new location.

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates is the largest locally owned real estate company in Western Massachusetts, the second largest real estate company in the greater Springfield area. The firm is the principal broker for Cendant Mobility, the largest relocation company in the world.

### Legal Memo

by  
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#### Products Liability Defective Outdoor Torch Candle

The plaintiff was attending a baby shower at a friend's house. As darkness fell, citronella torches manufactured by the defendant were placed around the cement patio by the homeowner and ignited. When one of the torches unexpectedly went out, the homeowner re-lit the torch. A ball of hot wax reportedly shot from the torch and struck the plaintiff's left leg, melting her stockings and burning her calf.

The plaintiff obtained emergency medical treatment and was diagnosed with second-degree burns. As a result of the burns, the plaintiff was left with some hypopigmentation around the affected area, but was not a candidate for scar revision.

During the course of the plaintiff's case investigation, the plaintiff's counsel learned that the candles in question had been the subject of a product recall by the defendant manufacturer, which led directly to settlement negotiations.

The case settled for \$80,000.00.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts 01030. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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*If you have dropped off any photos to our office for Boy Scout activities, church events, etc., please pick them up after they appear in The AAN...*

### Happy 1st Birthday To Jake Cooper Liquori

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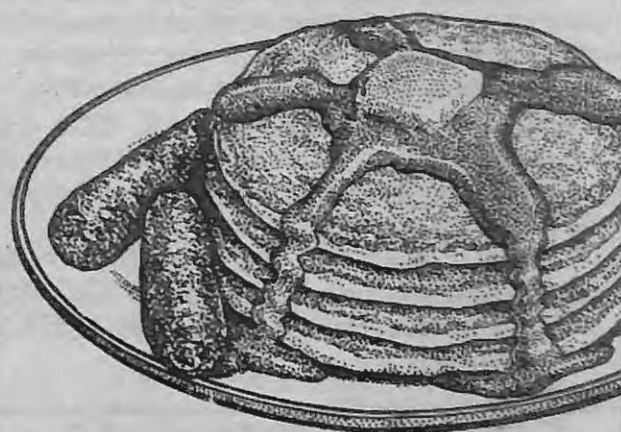
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### Keeping Life Simple...

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- Remember, when reducing the clutter in your life, the idea is not to deny yourself the things you want, but to free yourself from the things you don't want. You may not be ready to get rid of everything in your closet on the first uncluttering and the sense of freedom such as exercise generates, uncluttering will become easier and easier.

- The automobile is another convenience we tend to misuse. Because it's so easy to hop in and drive away, we don't think about all the extra time we spend doing things we wouldn't do, and maybe don't really need to do, if we didn't have the car that makes it so "easy."

- Release your attachment to possessions. Look around your house and imagine you have 30 minutes to evacuate, and the only things you can take with you are what you can fit in the back of your car. What would you take? If you had to start all over again, how would you do it differently?

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Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam and a Senior Associate of a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers and sellers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to him at 846-0961 or via his e-mail at RaymondRose@aol.com. Listen to his pre-recorded Home Buyer's Info-Line at 846-0923. Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his **FREE** online newsletter ... it's filled with informative and money-saving info helping to "keep life simple." Thanks!

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### Tips To Sell

- \* Plump up bed pillows.
- \* Remove all personal items from your vanity or counter.
- \* Clean the linen closet and medicine cabinet. Wire baskets or dividers may help organize items.
- \* Hang all clothes in the closet and have items in drawers folded and neatly arranged.

- \* Fix a drippy faucet or running toilet.
- \* Remove mildew and stains from tiles and regROUT or recaulk if necessary.
- \* Turn on soft lights in the bedroom, and use the highest wattage bulbs possible in bathroom fixtures.
- \* Clean clogged drains, and remove lime deposits from shower heads.
- \* Replace a broken toilet seat.
- \* Tighten hardware and towel racks.
- \* Clean mirrors, windows and window coverings.
- \* Hang a new shower curtain.
- \* Put out decorative bars of soap.

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### The Hidden Costs Of Online Shopping...

Tired of waiting in line to purchase items at the local mall or being put on hold by catalog 800-numbers? If so, it might be time to take the plunge and make some online purchases.

In the 21st century, we have the ability to order almost everything we need online. From clothes to books, furniture to cars, airline tickets to financial advice, the Internet has many options for an "armchair shopper" to purchase items without leaving their home - many times at a price lower than what they would find at their local mall.

However, before you dial up and launch your first Internet shopping venture, there are some issues and hidden costs to consider.

**Consider security issues.** Fear of hackers has kept many would-be shoppers from making Internet purchases. But, according to the Better Business Bureau, using the Internet properly for purchases may provide better protection than many other routine transactions. Some technical experts contend that thieves have an easier time stealing credit card numbers by looking over your shoulder at shops, rifling through your trash, or listening in on phone conversations.

By using a process known as encryption, many Web sites are protected from eavesdroppers. Encryption uses a complex mathematical process to scramble transmitted data, making it nearly impossible for an unwanted party to pick it up.

You can tell if a Web site is secure if it contains an "s" after the "http:" in the Uniform Resource Locator (URL). Secure sites appear at "https:" rather than just "http." Some browsers also have special icons to indicate site security. For example, you may see a padlock or an unbroken key when you access secure Web sites.

You'll most likely have the most protection if you patronize sites where security precautions have been taken.

**The sales tax equation.** Many cybershoppers have found that they can avoid paying sales tax by shopping online. As with catalog companies, cus-

tomers pay sales tax based on where the company offering the merchandise is located - not where the purchasing decision is made. That means if you buy from a local chain at the mall, you may be required to pay sales tax on purchases. However, if the headquarters are in another state and you order the item from the online site, you may avoid taxes.

**Shipping and handling costs.** Most reliable companies include shipping and handling policies on their Web sites. Be sure to examine these policies before placing your order; the total price may be higher than you think once these expenses are factored in.

You may find that you can pay lower shipping fees if you are willing to settle for slower deliveries. It's also a good idea to order all of the items you want at one time so you don't have to pay shipping and handling on each separate purchase.

Another expense you may not have considered is the cost to return damaged or incorrect merchandise. Be sure to check if the seller will pay for returned merchandise.

**Returning online purchases.** Many people who made online purchases during the holidays learned the hard way about return policies. You'll probably find that returning goods purchased online is similar to policies for returning catalog items. It's usually time-consuming and the return process is different from one site to another. If you receive an item that doesn't meet your expectations, you will probably be required to pay fees associated with sending it back. Be sure to read return policies carefully before making your buying decisions.

**Exploring your options.** Many companies have found that offering an online alternative for products is another way to meet the diverse needs of consumers. But cybershopping isn't for everyone. Savvy firms competing for the consumer dollar have found that it still pays to offer shoppers a choice.

In the financial services industry, for instance, many investors have begun purchasing stocks, bonds, and mutual funds online. Yet others have shied away from the technology. That's why opportunistic firms offer consumers a wide range of choices for buying products. While a number of people are willing to forego the personal touch to get lower online pricing, many still want hands-on information and advice from an advisor before making their selections.

Even if shopping for goods and services in your pajamas and slippers has a certain appeal, it's best to carefully evaluate your options before making your decisions. Then consider testing the waters on a small scale to see if an online buying experience works for you.

## Agawam Rotary To Honor Local Workforce

Employers are being encouraged to nominate employees who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to their jobs, serve as role models for their co-workers and peers, and whose efforts have a positive impact on the operations of the business.

Eligible employees maintain the the principles of the Rotary Four Way Test of the things we think, say, or do. Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The Agawam Rotary Club will publicly recognize each nominee at the first Annual Exemplary Workers' Recognition Awards Breakfast to be held Friday, November 17th from 7:15-9:00 a.m. at Crestview Country Club, Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

Linda Northup Vitro, President of the Agawam Rotary Club, will preside over the event. WWLOP TV22 News Anchor Barry Kriger will be the keynote speaker. He will have an entertaining and inspiring message. Also present at this event will be Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen, Agawam Town Council President Robert Magovern, and Rotary District 7890 District Governor Frank Wargo.

Nomination forms are available through the Agawam Rotary Club. Contact Club President Linda Northup Vitro at 413/786-8930 or Program Chair Janet Walsh at 413/786-4433.

Nomination forms are also available at the Feeding Hills Branch of Woronoco Savings Bank. Nomination fee is \$30 and includes two invitations (nominee and sponsor) to the breakfast, where the certificates will be awarded to the nominee(s).

Additional nominees and guests are invited at a cost of \$15 each. Deadline for nominations is October 31st.

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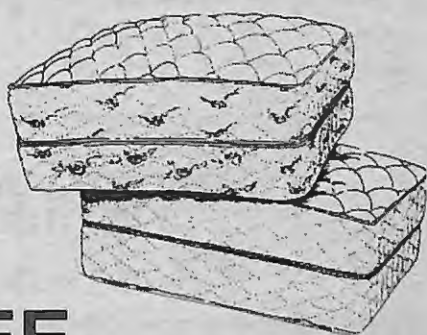
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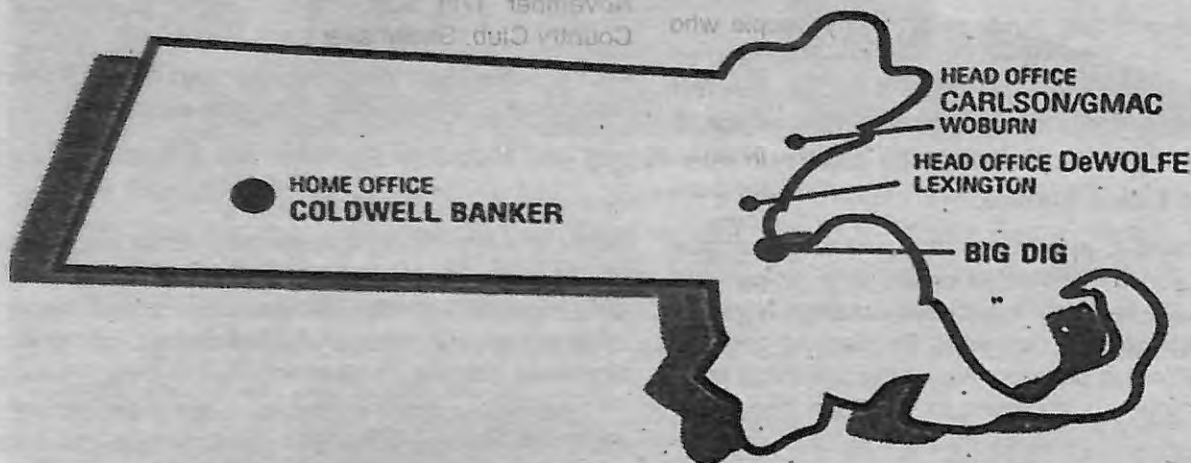
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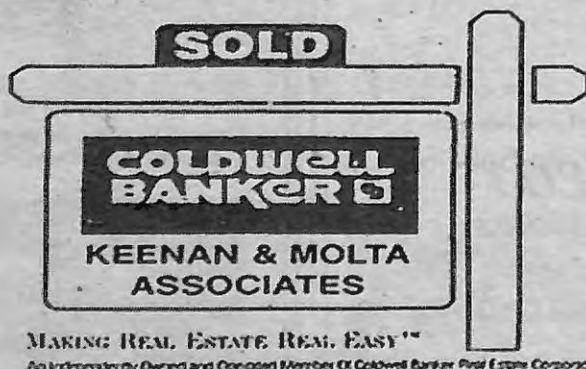
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### Health Fair Unveils RiverBend Medical Group...



THE RECENT FAMILY HEALTH FAIR at RiverBend Medical Group (formerly Medical West Associates) found (from left) Dr. Sharon McMillan, obstetrician/gynecologist; Doug McKell, CEO; and Emily Lewis, Community Relations Specialist, taking a moment from the day's activities to say "Cheese." IN RIGHT PHOTO: Having a great time with the children who visited the Fair are Agawam RiverBend Medical Group's John Camus, Bunny Jones, Anne Ouimette, and Linda Todaro.



#### "Let's Talk About It"

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#### Freedom In Chains...

Last week, we began talking about taking risks. What are the risks you have already taken, being considered, and/or underway? Being in relationship with another person is risky business. So, too, can being in relationship with your "self."

How free are you to take risks? Your circumstances can often dictate whether you live under a false pretense of freedom or authentically into your ability to truly be free.

For example, you plan on marrying or are married. Perhaps you are remarried or are in a serious relationship. Or, you may intentionally choose to be single. Each context presumes freedom of choice in your relationship decision. Assuming parenting and/or grandparenting is important to you, how free do you think you are to provide care for and make decisions on behalf of your child(ren)?

Are you able to act as you would like *versus* how the way the "old tapes" would have you act? There is power and pressure to pass these "should" tapes down through the generations.

The influence of each person's family system varies in intensity and degree. My presumption is that for many of us, true freedom of choice is not as real as you may have first perceived. I deeply respect the power of how family systems move us in directions not necessarily of our choosing.

I believe human emotional (relationship) systems generationally transmit their preference for how we

ought to live primarily through non-verbal and unconscious connection. This method of human emotional transmission impacts our decisions about, among other things, our "choice" of mate/partner, occupation, and even how we do parenting.

I believe so many people, perhaps yourself, are in pain because you know your imprisonment. You know how *unfree* you are to make the decisions you most desire. You can feel the pressing down (depressing) feeling that carrying these shackles around presents.

We often seek relief in many packages. Sometimes it comes from the contents of a bottle. Other times, it comes at you from doing what the system wants you to do without regard for what you want. Many people seek dependent relationships, hoping that another person will help define us for who we are and who they need us to be. Often this is comfortable. This can be a home-like experience.

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## RiverBend Medical Group's Health Fair



THE AGAWAM FIRE DEPT. conducted tours at a health fair held at RiverBend Medical Group (formerly Medical West) on Main St., of a trailer that simulated a smoky fire in a home. Above, leaving the trailer were Don Devlins and his son, Shawn, as Agawam Firefighter Richard Giordano looks on. IN PHOTO BELOW: Alicia Michaud of Southwick shows her opinion of the simulated smoke filling a trailer brought to the RiverBend Medical Group Health Fair by the Agawam Fire Dept. Firefighter Richard Giordano is pictured opening the door for Alicia. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



# Living into the Risk of being Free.

Read more about this in today's FOR YOUR HEALTH column.

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## Chiropractic Care

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### Chronic Pain

The effects of chronic pain can be quite profound. I wonder how much low-grade pain a person can tolerate on a day-to-day basis. It's amazing, when a person is free from pain, they can't believe how good they feel. They feel energetic, strong, and able to handle any situation. They didn't realize how much discomfort they experienced and how much the pain sapped their energy.

I have a theory that most grouchy people in the world are in chronic pain. They just don't realize it. They believe that's just the way it is. They're getting "old," it's "arthritis," "don't even bother with the pain, because they ignore it. They believe they have a "high-tolerance" to pain. Outwardly, it takes its toll. The pain saps energy, resistance, and the spirit. Soon it takes all the person's energy to deal with the pain, although the person is unaware of this. It's only evident when the pain is gone, then one realizes the toll it took on the body and mind.

How do you get rid of chronic pain? This is a difficult question, as it varies from individual to individual. Sometimes chronic pain can be due to musculoskeletal problems. The muscles are tight and the joints restricted, sending nerve messages of pain up to the brain, nerve messages sent from the brain to tighten the muscles to protect the area. Thus, a vicious cycle is being repeated again and again. Chiropractic care

effectively treats these chronic pain patterns. It's wonderful to see patients free from chronic pain and the joint mobility restored.

Sometimes chronic pain is not due to musculoskeletal problems and requires further exploration of the cause. It is very important for these patients to keep their immune system as strong as possible in order to stay healthy. This includes eating a healthy diet, getting regular exercise, and reducing stress. Poor diet, inactivity, and a stressful lifestyle all decrease resistance and increase the likelihood of pain.

Chronic pain can take a toll on the mind and body. Don't live with it. Explore alternative options to try to free the mind and body from chronic pain. **Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.**



**Food  
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by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

### "Should You Be Wearing A Milk Mustache?"

Mia Hamm, Mark McGwire, Terrell Davis, and Venus and Serena Williams are among some of the athletes that flank a milk mustache. They showcase the valuable contribution of physical activity and nutrient-packed milk for health-conscious Americans eager to get in shape, lose weight, or stay fit. Health experts say the calcium and nutrients in milk may do more than help strengthen bones, fight osteoporosis, and help reduce the risk of hypertension.

New research indicates that getting your daily dose of calcium rich, low-fat milk (at least three eight-ounce glasses a day) may turn up your body's fat-burning ability, helping you drop excess weight more easily. With obesity reaching epidemic proportions in this country, research suggests that low-fat milk may be a new weapon to help fight the nation's battle of the bulge.

The "Skinny" On Milk: A recent study at Purdue

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such wisdom and direction upon another, even to the point of controlling the other person's sense of self without having to face the challenge of who we are and can become. Granted, there is room in the middle for more "healthy" functioning. This middle area was best described to me by a seasoned relationship survivor as, "the place where I can be me and you can be you!" And I would add the concept, "together and separate."

I would describe this place, this space, as the - Sacred. Where *freedom from* chains is possible! This way of living provides the opportunity to truly be aware of the previously non-verbal and unconscious. This process requires naming the unnamed and facing the conflict of how family (relationship) systems, for the most part, attempt to limit your potential from being free and alive.

Look at how you are in relationships, how you parent and even how you "pick" your partner or occupation, for that matter. How much of your system influences you and your behavior? How influential and invested is your family system in trying to keep you the same for them? What has happened when you've attempted to change the way you live that is different from their version?

Am I talking a foreign language to you? Do you have any sense of the depth and significance of this powerful family transmission stuff of which I speak? **What does relationship freedom look like to you?** Please e-mail, telephone, or write me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and "Let's Talk about it."

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University found that women who consumed at least 780 mg of calcium per day in their diets lost body fat or stayed the same over a two-year period. The control group who ate and exercised just as much, but got less calcium, got fatter. "Calcium not only kept weight in check, but was associated specifically with decreases in body fat," said lead-researcher Dorothy Teegarden, Ph.D. Women who got at least 780 mg of calcium showed the biggest fat losses as much as six or seven pounds. Additionally, women who got their calcium from dairy foods like milk, cheese, and yogurt, experienced greater weight loss benefits than those who consumed non-dairy sources or supplements.

A second study at the University of Tennessee found that low-fat dairy foods may change the way fat cells do their jobs. "A diet high in low-fat dairy products causes fat cells to make less fat and turns on the machinery to break down fat, which translates into a significantly lower risk of obesity," said the study's lead researcher, Michael Zemel, Ph.D. "Women who consumed at least three servings of low-fat dairy foods per day were at the lowest risk of becoming obese."

On The Road To Better Health: "Americans simply aren't active enough, and this sedentary lifestyle is beginning to take its toll," says Lee Haney, chair of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (PCPFS), which is charged with motivating Americans to become active and stay fit. "It's particularly alarming when you look at the large percentage of American children who are inactive. We're truly in the

midst of a youth fitness crisis."

The average child spends about 14 minutes (or about one-percent of their time) each day in physical activity and 78 percent of their time in sedentary activities like watching television or playing video games. To coincide with America's inactivity, the prevalence of obesity has reached epidemic levels. More than half of all U.S. adults are overweight, and 18 percent are considered obese (up from 12 percent in 1991).

While many athletes may turn to protein powders and pills, milk is the original protein drink. One eight-ounce glass of milk provides eight grams of high-quality protein containing essential amino acids. And that's good news for active people. A new study at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign suggests that drinking milk or snacking on a dairy product immediately after a workout may help muscle recovery. The amino acids in milk (leucine, in particular) help rebuild muscle fibers, the authors conclude.

Milk also offers one of the richest dietary sources of calcium, which can help keep bones strong and may prevent stress fractures now and osteoporosis in the future. Bones need a combination of calcium and weight-bearing exercise (activities that work against gravity, such as walking, jogging, tennis, and weight training) to stay strong.

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## Your Back And Your Health

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### Fibromyalgia

Tight muscles that are painful to touch describes the condition called fibromyalgia. Symptoms may include aches and pains that limit normal activities - walking, moving your arm or hand, or even opening your mouth.

Damaged soft tissue (muscles, ligaments, and tendons) can lead to myofascial pain syndrome (MPS), a common but complex problem in which muscles develop painful knots called trigger points. Chiropractic treatment offers a unique approach to diagnosing and treating this condition.

Certain regions of your body may be prone to myofascial pain due to repeated strain, poor posture, poor nutrition, or lack of exercise. When healing is delayed or incorrect, the muscle fibers may be damaged causing pain or limited movement in your neck, back, arms, legs, or almost anywhere in your body.

Leading causes of fibromyalgia include injuries from car accidents, falls, and sports injuries. If you often work long hours without breaks, fail to exercise, and eat poorly, you are more at risk. Poor posture, sleeping on your stomach, working at a job or hobby requiring repetitive motions are other factors.

Chiropractic evaluation includes a physical examination and helps you understand how the damage occurs. X-rays may be recommended to determine joint integrity. Treatment can relieve your pain and restore your mobility.

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## Hospice Of Western New England Seeking Volunteers

Hospice of Western New England provides services to Agawam, Southwick, Springfield, and other surrounding towns. They are seeking individuals interested in becoming volunteers. A free, 20-hours evening training program for prospective volunteers will begin in November. The program will cover a variety of subjects ranging from listening skills to the psychological, social, and spiritual aspects of terminal illness.

"We are looking for caring people who are willing to take the time to learn the necessary skills to become effective volunteers, make a time commitment to their patients, and maintain strict confidentiality," said Caroline Stanton, Volunteer Coordinator.

Companion volunteers typically work from two to five hours per week. During that time, they may provide companionship, offer supportive listening, provide temporary respite for family caregivers, assist with meal preparation or light housekeeping, run errands and do shopping. "Volunteers usually take one patient at a time and work with that patient throughout the course of the illness," explained Stanton.

Hospice is also seeking volunteer therapists trained in massage and Reiki. Stanton explained, "We have one massage therapist volunteering now and she is very much in demand. We are hoping to have additional therapists so more of our patients may take advantage of such a service." Hospice needs volunteers for assignments covering Hampden County and other parts of Worcester and Hampshire Counties.

Persons interested in registering for the volunteer training program or in learning more about being a Hospice volunteer should contact Caroline Stanton, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at VNA & Hospice of Western New England, (413) 827-4472.

## New Diabetes Support Group At Mercy Hospital

Persons with diabetes and their families can find information, understanding, and inspiration at meetings of a new group sponsored by the Joslin Diabetes Center affiliate at Mercy Hospital.

The support group's next meeting will take place Wednesday, Nov. 1st, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St. The free sessions offer an opportunity to share questions and concerns with health care professionals and others with diabetes; a variety of topics will be presented monthly.

For more information and to register, call the Joslin Diabetes Center affiliate at Mercy Hospital, (413) 748-7000.

## Agawam Senior Ctr. To Host Annual Health Expo

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## Springfield Symphony Pops' 2000-2001 Season Premiers With Pizzarelli & Trio On Saturday, November 4th

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The sound of jazz guitar player John Pizzarelli, who stars in "The Wonder of it All," the catchy, lushly produced message, is consistently being aired on local radio and TV.

John Pizzarelli & Trio will provide an exciting kick-off to the Springfield Symphony Orchestra's 2000-2001 Pops Concert season on Saturday, November 4th, at 8:00 p.m.

Jazz singer-guitarist John Pizzarelli and his trio - pianist Ray Kennedy, bass player Martin Pizzarelli, and drummer Tony Tedesco - will join guest conductor Rudi Schlegel and the Springfield Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Hall for an evening that celebrates the popular songbook.

The group, which has frequently been compared to the Nat "King" Cole Trio, will perform the classic standards of Sinatra, Cole, Mercer, the Gershwins, Jimmy van Heusen, and the Beatles.

The John Pizzarelli Trio has received rave reviews and played to enthusiastic audiences throughout the



JOHN PIZZARELLI

western hemisphere, Europe, and Japan. Pizzarelli has delved deeply into the Cole catalog, yet maintains his own distinctive style.

While his smoky voice fits the late-night ballads to perfection, Pizzarelli's renditions swing more than the originals, and the cool jazz flavor of his formidable guitar-playing lends a clearly contemporary tone to the familiar tunes.

Guest conductor Rudi Schlegel hails from Atlanta, where he is director of Chastain Park Amphitheater with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, a summer popular music festival.

The New York native has produced more than 100 performances with top pop artists, many with the Atlanta Symphony.

This evening's concert is sponsored by Verizon. The media sponsor is WMAS-AM & FM.

Tickets are available from the Springfield Symphony box office, 75 Market Place, downtown Springfield, or can be charged by phone (VISA, MasterCard, Discover) by calling 413-733-2291. Tickets range from \$9 to \$39 and are half price for youths age four to 17. A 25% discount is available for groups of 10 or more.

## Final Performances For Great Pretenders' "Androcles & The Lion"

One of the most popular children's plays ever written, "Androcles And The Lion," is being performed by the Great Pretenders this month.

The production is a refreshingly antic, irreverent treatment of Aesop's fable, written in the style of Italian Commedia dell'Arte, by Aurant Harris.

Commedia dell'Arte was originally an Italian outdoor theatrical form that flourished in the Renaissance. Translated literally into English, the name becomes "comedy of the performers."

With the creative direction of member Bob Whitney, the Great Pretenders have been busy sewing costumes, painting masks, and constructing some unusual set pieces.

With the stock characters of Commedia — the miserly Pantalone (played by Jerry Millette), the bragging Captain, the romantic lovers (Mary Domenicelli and Aeric Mansfield), the trickster Arlequin, and an endearing lion (Eric Johnson), the fable becomes a colorful theatrical experience on the stage of the

Longmeadow Community House.

This prize-winning play is for young and old, and the three remaining performances will take place on October 27th and 28th. The Friday performance is at 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday, the shows are at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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Add to this the peach breaking loose from its branch and bouncing along until it lands in the ocean, where it bobs along until it's lifted into the air, where it soars along until it .... well, then we would be giving away the end of the adventure.

Better to come and see for yourself the fabulous Roald Dahl classic "James and the Giant Peach" performed by the award-winning STAGE Children's Theatre November 10th and 11th at 7:30 p.m. and November 11th and 12th at 2:00 p.m.

The play will be presented at The Red Door Theatre, 152 S. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills, MA and stars many young people from the area.

STAGE veteran John Albano (seen in "Cider House Rules") plays the role of James, who rides the peach along with his insect friends the centipede (Dana Allen

of Agawam), Old Green Grasshopper (Greg Bannish of West Springfield), Earthworm (Frankie Roda of Agawam), Ladybug (Dot Vasicek of Westfield), Glowworm (Kaila Pirnie of Feeding Hills), Silkworm (Meredith Lowe of Suffield), and Spider (Taylor Stevens, also of Suffield).

Rounding out the cast of 21 are Angela Vinton of Agawam and Lyndsay Tapases of Westfield, who play the nasty aunts, Sponge and Spiker. Ricky Avonti of West Springfield plays the Magic Man, who starts the whole thing, which gets everyone in a "jam," including other cast members, Anthony Birchenough, Tony Mathes, and Mikaila Sherry from Agawam; Vera Farina of Southwick; Andrew Symancyk of Westfield; Ben Kravelin of Longmeadow; Clark Shirley of West Springfield; Jessica Stevens and Alexander Williamson from Chicopee; and Nicole Hebert of Enfield.

These young actors have been part of STAGE's afterschool drama camp for six weeks, which culminates in the weekend production.

All tickets for "James and the Giant Peach" are \$5 and may be reserved by calling (413) 789-2026. (Directors Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora hinted that the audience is in for some "interactive surprises" - 'nuff said.)

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*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!*

## Agawam Library To Offer Face Painting Fun

Agawam youngsters can get their faces (or hands) painted with a Halloween theme when they check out a book from the Agawam Public Library on Monday, October 30th, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Facing painting artist Sandy Cripps will be on hand with some spooky designs for the kids to choose from.

For further information, please call the library at 789-1550.

## Planning Mtg. For "WestFest 2001" Slated For Nov. 2nd

The next planning meeting for WestFest 2001 is scheduled for Thursday, November 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the United Methodist Church, corner of Court Street and Holland Avenue, Westfield.

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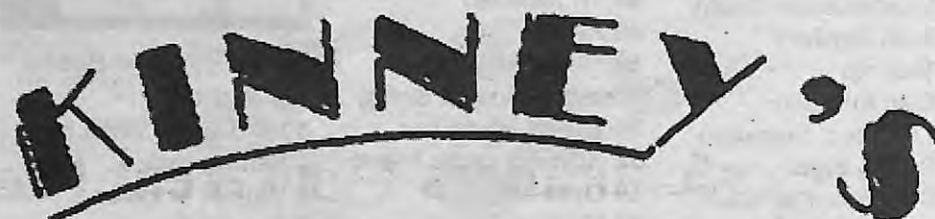
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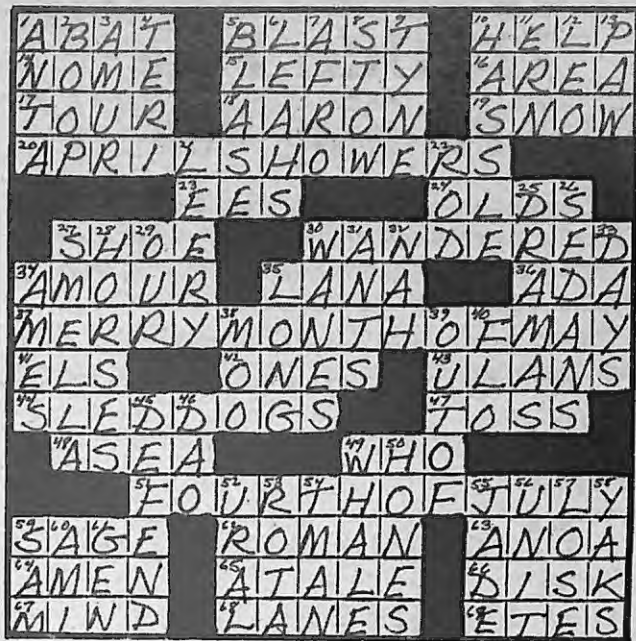
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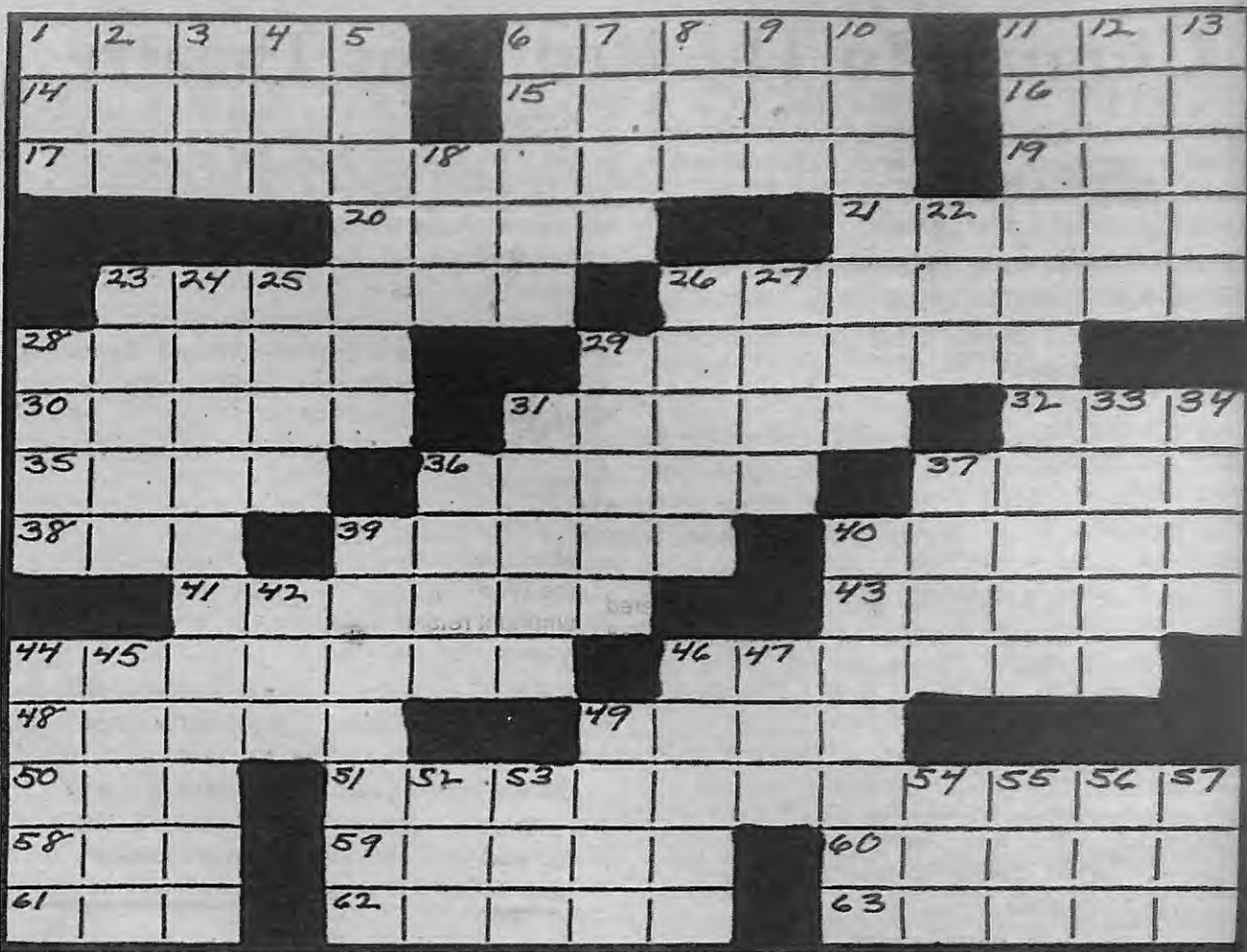
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## Agawam Community Artists To Host Watercolorist At November 6th Meeting

The Agawam Community Artists are pleased to present Mary Ann Wordsworth, an artist who resides in South Hadley, who will execute a watercolor demonstration.

The meeting will be held Monday, November 6th at

7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield St., Agawam.

Meetings and demonstrations of the Agawam Community Artists, under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council, are open to the public.

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## Trick Or Treat? The Night HE Came Home! (Part I)

It's that time of year where the ghosts and goblins come out of the woodwork and scary movies become weekend favorites.

The most famous Halloween-themed movies of all time are quite possibly the "Halloween" horror series. Producer Moustapha Akkad's cult classic character of Michael Myers has become a yearly staple on cable television and surely the subject of many movie buffs' nightmares.

Available now, however, are digitally remastered versions of the entire "Halloween" saga on video and DVD from Anchor Bay Entertainment. So get a good scare on Halloween this year by renting these chilling horror genre classics! BOO!

### \* "Halloween": 1978. Rated R.

John Carpenter directed this first film in the Michael Myers saga that introduced "scream queen" Jamie Lee Curtis to the world alongside veteran actor Donald Pleasence.

The film went on to become the most successful independent motion picture of all time and, thus, set the stage for a myriad of ridiculous clone films to come in later years such as "Friday the 13th," "A Nightmare on Elm Street," and most recently "Scream."

This film is acclaimed by film critics and fans everywhere as a modern masterpiece created in the true horror tradition. If tasteless gore is what you seek, however, then steer clear of this one because the focus here is on true fear.

"Halloween" demonstrates the power of the partnership of brilliant photography and an absolutely eerie soundtrack in virtually every scene. Pay special attention to the background of the many carefully photographed sequences where the ghastly appearance of the feared antagonist, Michael Myers, is often observed.

Donald Pleasence delivers one of his most memorable performances as Myers' psychiatrist, Dr. Sam Loomis. Pleasence's character has an enormous impact on mood development in the story through his chilling monologues about the patient he feels insanely determined to apprehend now that he has returned to his hometown of Haddonfield, Illinois.

So this Halloween night, light up the jack-o'-lanterns, turn down the lights, and prepare to be scared out of your mind with this fine example of a horror film that remains true to the genre from which it was conceived. Whatever you do, DON'T watch it alone! **5 STARS.**

### \* "Halloween II": 1981. Rated R.

Michael Myers returns in this worthy sequel to the classic "Halloween." Also returning are Donald Pleasence and Jamie Lee Curtis as Dr. Loomis and Laurie Strode, respectively.

The most interesting thing about "Halloween II" is the fact that it picks up at precisely the point where the first film ended and continues on through the same Halloween night in 1978.

It has been deduced that Myers was after Strode in the first film, but the reason has yet to be discovered. When this plot twist is finally revealed in this film (that Strode is actually Myers' sister), the action reaches its apex. For this reason, "Halloween II's" scripting

proves to be its highest point.

Donald Pleasence, however, still brings the same nuances to the role of Michael's doctor and also proves to be a high point as well.

Much of the film relies upon the anticipation that is created in regards to the viewer who anxiously awaits the confrontation between Myers and Strode, as well as Loomis and Myers.

This anxiety is soon quelled with an explosive finale that proves to be the frosting on what has been a very tasty cake.

You will be looking behind every bush, under every bed, and in every closet after this one, for unmatched is the biting fear of the unforgettable story of the night HE came home. **3 STARS.**

### \* "Halloween 4 - The Return of Michael Myers": 1988. Rated R.

After the ill-received departure from the Michael Myers storyline with "Halloween III - The Season of the Witch," producer Moustapha Akkad makes a triumphant return to the Myers story with this surprisingly well-crafted sequel.

After 10 years in a maximum-security state facility, Myers escapes during his transfer to another facility and returns to the scene of his hideous crimes from a decade before - Haddonfield, Illinois.

This time, Myers is after his sister Laurie's daughter, now in foster care after Laurie died in a car accident (hence, no Jamie Lee Curtis this time around).

This film is shockingly well-made and displays an attempt at fine filmmaking. Photography is great and editing is superb.

Typically, most movies with a number four after their title are expected to be thrown together in a haphazard fashion as a cheap attempt to make money off the original. This film is clearly not of that category.

Donald Pleasence returns as Dr. Loomis, who yet again must try to stop Michael once and for all. Danielle Harris, considering her age in this film, is remarkable as Myers' niece, Jamie.

Clearly, the availability of better filmmaking technology (as compared to the era of the first two installments) plays a large role in this film's success.

Operating on the assumption that horror films are meant to scare the viewer and not nauseate them, I feel that the lack of gore and the abundance of scares in "Halloween 4 - The Return of Michael Myers" serve as testament to the fact that this film lives up to the standards set by the original masterpiece. The surprise ending was also a welcomed twist! **4 STARS.**

(Look for Part II next week in The AAN.)

### \* "PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: 5 STARS

- Extraordinary; **4 STARS** - Excellent; **3 STARS** - Good; **2 STARS** - Average; **1 STAR** - Watchable; **0 STARS** - Avoid.

Please send comments and film requests to "The Agawam Advertiser News," Attention: Lou Pisano, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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# Halloween Safety Tips From "Safe Kids" Coalition

Halloween is a time of "spooky" monsters and ghosts, but the real scares result when safety precautions are not taken.

The Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition (headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital) warns adults this Halloween to outfit children with safety-conscious clothing and review important safety tips with them to prevent possible injuries.

Safe Kids offers the following suggestions for a safe Halloween night:

### Costume Design

- \* Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.

- \* Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard.

- \* Choose outfits made with light-colored materials. Strips of retro-reflective tape should be used to make children even more visible.

- \* For youngsters under the age of 12, attach their name, address, and telephone number to their clothes, but not in an easily visible place.

- \* Secure hats so they will not slip over children's eyes.

### Face Design

- \* Masks can obstruct vision. Facial make-up is safer, more colorful, and more comfortable.

- \* When buying special Halloween make-up, read the manufacturer's list of ingredients and chemical analysis, and follow the instructions for application.

### Accessories

- \* Knives, swords, and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.

- \* Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or designed or trimmed with retro-reflective tape if trick-or-treaters are allowed out after dark.

- \* Carrying flashlights will help children see better and be seen by drivers.

Also, parents should accompany young trick-or-treaters and remind older youngsters to visit only the homes of neighbors they know who have an outside

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ALIENS, GOBLINS, WITCHES, AND GHOULIES will be out on the streets of Agawam and Feeding Hills on Halloween night, like the ones found each weekend at "The Great Pumpkin Adventure" (pictured above and below) at Fini's Plant Farm in Feeding Hills. Please, BE CAREFUL. The Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition (headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital in Springfield) has offered some helpful hints for a safe Halloween in a related article found on this page. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



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# Plans In The Works For Sixth-Grade Washington, D.C Trip Next Spring

A meeting was held on Thursday, October 5th at the Agawam Middle School to introduce the trip to Washington, DC to this year's sixth-graders. Although this trip is not sponsored by the schools, its purpose is to give students the opportunity to go to New York to see the Statue of Liberty, to Washington, DC to see some of the many attractions, and to Philadelphia to learn about our history there.

The trip begins on Monday, April 16, 2001 with our first day spent at the Statue of Liberty and the Liberty Science Center. On Tuesday, we continue by coach to Washington, DC, where we will spend that afternoon and the next two days exploring museums, visiting memorials, meeting elected officials, seeing the original Declaration of Independence and, hopefully, watching money being made! In the evening we plan to have a DJ/Pizza party, go to a student dinner theater, a comedy show (geared for the students), MCI Sports Gallery, and a night light tour of the monuments. As we start our journey home on Friday, April 20th, we will stop in Philadelphia, PA for a stop at the US Mint, lunch, and a walking tour of the historic district.

This trip is open to sixth-grade students of Agawam or who attend Agawam Middle School, however, it is not a school trip. The one "catch" is that each student

must submit a report card (copy) showing no 3's or 4's in conduct. The grade does not matter to me, but bad behavior will cause the student to be ineligible to attend.

The cost for the trip is \$415. The cost includes transportation, lodging, all meals, and admission fees. The chaperone-to-student ratio will be 1:4 with a few "floating" chaperones. Deposits of \$50 per person are now being accepted, and must be received before candy can be picked up. Candy sales are not required, however, if a student chooses to, proceeds from the candy sales will defray the cost of his/her trip.

Speaking of candy, if there is anyone in the business community willing to sell candy at his/her workplace, please contact me and I will gladly arrange it. Monthly payment of \$100 (minus candy money credits) would need to be sent in November, December, and January, with a final payment in February.

Checks should be made out to the Washington Trip Account and sent in care of Rachel Thomas, 43 Janelle Dr., Agawam, MA 01001-2735. For further information, you can visit our web site: [www.geocities.com/dcsgrt](http://www.geocities.com/dcsgrt). Notices will be posted on the web site, sent through school, and written up in the Agawam Advertiser News.

## Junior High To Hold Fall Parents' Night On Nov. 30th

The Agawam Junior High School will conduct its annual Fall Parents' Night on Thursday evening, November 30th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Parents should note the change in date; this event was originally scheduled for November 15th.)

All parents of seventh- and eighth-grade students are welcome to attend the annual conference night, which features brief meetings with teachers and staff members. Classroom secretaries will schedule five-minute appointments with individual teachers that evening.

The Fall Parents' Night is an excellent opportunity for parents to visit the school where they may review their child's academic progress.

## Fright Night "Family Fun Night" At Robinson School

A Friday Night "Family Fun Night" will take place this Friday, October 27th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Robinson Elementary School.

The cost of admission is \$1 per person, and popcorn, cotton candy, snacks, and drinks will be sold in the cafeteria.

From 6:00 to 7:15 p.m., there will be Bingo in the cafeteria and activities in the gym.

From 7:15 to 9:00 p.m., the movie "Casper" will be shown in the cafeteria.

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light on. Children should be taught not to cut across yards (where lawn ornaments and low-hanging clotheslines are considered hidden hazards), but to stay on the sidewalks at all times.

Parents should review traffic safety rules with their youngsters such as reminding them to stop at all corners and to look left/right/left again before crossing. During the excitement of trick-or-treating, children often scurry to visit as many houses as possible and often dart between parked and oncoming cars; as a result, running out into the street accounts for 50 to 70 percent of all pedestrian injuries among children ages five through nine.

Motorists also need to use caution on Halloween night by slowing down in residential neighborhoods and watching carefully for children walking.

Above all, parents should tell their children to bring their treats home before eating them, warns the Safe Kids Coalition.

Also, bringing candy or other treats for x-ray is strongly discouraged. Many substances cannot be detected by this method and x-raying is no guarantee of safety and is costly in terms of health resources, without benefit to the public.

For more information on Halloween or other safety topics, call Amy Pasini at 794-5434.

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### From The AHS Guidance Office...

by Judy Cohen  
Agawam High School  
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#### College Counseling...

We are deep in the midst of seeing our seniors and helping them with their post-graduate plans. Some are looking into vocational options, some are looking into military options, and some are looking into college options. It is the last group that I will be addressing my remarks to in this column.

Would you believe that parents of sophomores are calling us on the phone because they have been receiving mail whose contents tell them that if they do not start thinking about the college process now, their children will be at a disadvantage? Hogwash!!! It's hard enough for a senior to decide his wishes for the future!

Moreover, the high school story isn't even half-written, SATs have not been taken, and many changes will undoubtedly occur that will alter ideas, wishes, and post-high school planning. So, don't let those letters (filled with unnecessary scare tactics) get to you. And, we also hear that the letters infer that high school counselors are just too busy to adequately counsel students. Wrong again!!!

Each fall, we call in all of our seniors, discuss their options, and help them find post-graduate placement. We tell them about various web sites that will enable them to do their own research. Some excellent ones are [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org), [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org), [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com), [www.review.com](http://www.review.com), and my favorite of favorites is a wonderful search engine called [www.google.com](http://www.google.com). You can ask it anything and it is very user-friendly. Often, students will type in a college name, Google will come up with the homepage for the school, and

then the student is off and running, finding applications on-line, admissions guidelines, financial aid information, etc.

Believe me, I am not denigrating the college services, but I am honestly telling you that we here at Agawam High School do a good job of servicing your children's needs. We know what the colleges are looking for and are able to come up with appropriate schools for your youngsters.

Each week, a college bulletin is issued that contains the names of available scholarships and lists the names of college representatives who will be visiting our school. The visitations are open to interested seniors and provide a great way for them to become acquainted with various schools.

On December 12th, we will be having our annual financial aid night. The guest speaker, Lee Sirois, will answer all of your possible questions and take you adroitly through the arduous process of completing the financial aid forms. He will welcome your comments and make meaningful suggestions.

On March 7th, we will be having our annual scholarship night where students and their parents can come to learn about and obtain local scholarships.

On April 4th, we will be hosting our annual Junior Parents Night ... a must for junior parents to make them aware of the college process and other options that are available after graduation.

Our career center is always open and very user-friendly. The computers are stocked with important information for students to access. If parents would like to use the center, they may do so, but please call first so we will be sure someone will be available to assist you.

So, as you can see, WE DO SERVICE YOUR CHILDREN'S NEEDS!!! But remember, it's a two-way street. We need your help and the help of your children to make the transition from high school to college, work, or the armed services a smooth and successful one. Do call us with your questions and concerns.

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**Seton Hall University:** Open to qualified students who plan to enroll at Seton Hall.

**OPEN HOUSES:** See your counselor for more information.

**Elms College:** Friday, November 17th.

**Fisher College:** Sunday, November 19th.

**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute:** "Minority Student Weekend" - November 9th through 11th.

**Forsyth School for Dental Hygienists:** Sunday, November 19th.

**University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth:** Sunday, November 5th.

## Agawam Schools To Be Closed November 3rd

On Friday, November 3rd, the Agawam Public Schools will conduct a full day of professional development for all PreK - grade 12 teachers. Consequently, school will not be in session that day.

Students in grades PreK - 12 will return to school on Monday, November 6th.

## News From Agawam Junior High's PTO

Parents' Night has been changed to Thursday night, November 30th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A reminder: the next PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 30th, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

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by Fire Chief David Pisano

The following "Halloween Safety Tips" were provided by Stephen D. Coan, State Fire Marshal, Department of Fire Services, Stow, Massachusetts.

**TRICK-OR-TREATING:**

- \* Smaller children should always be with an adult. It's best to take little ones out early.
- \* If older children are going out without you, go over the ground rules first!
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- \* Have the children stay in a group.
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- \* Give them change to use the telephone if necessary.

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- \* Never accept a ride in a car.
- \* Only approach houses where the outside lights are on as a signal of welcome.

- \* Bring their bags home to be checked by an adult before eating a single treat.

**COSTUMES:**

- \* Children should carry a flashlight, and their costumes should be bright-colored or have reflective tape to highlight them.
- \* Be sure all parts of the costume are labeled flame-retardant.
- \* Costumes should not have trailing material or tails long enough to cause falls.
- \* Pointed objects such as swords and devils' forks should be made of soft material.
- \* If your child wears a mask instead of make-up on their face, double check that the eye holes are large enough to see through clearly.
- \* Children should wear sturdy shoes and temperature-appropriate clothing underneath their costumes.

**RECEIVING TRICK-OR-TREATERS:**

- \* Make sure your own home is well-lit and that there is a clear path to your door.
- \* Bicycles and lawn furniture can trip youngsters in the dark.

**DECORATIONS:**

- \* Use a small flashlight in pumpkins instead of a candle.
- \* Only use flame-proof crepe paper.

- \* Keep dried leaves and cornstalks away from all flames and heat sources.

**CHECKING TREATS:**

- \* Throw out anything that appears tampered with, as well as homemade foods or home-packaged foods (unless you are certain of the source).
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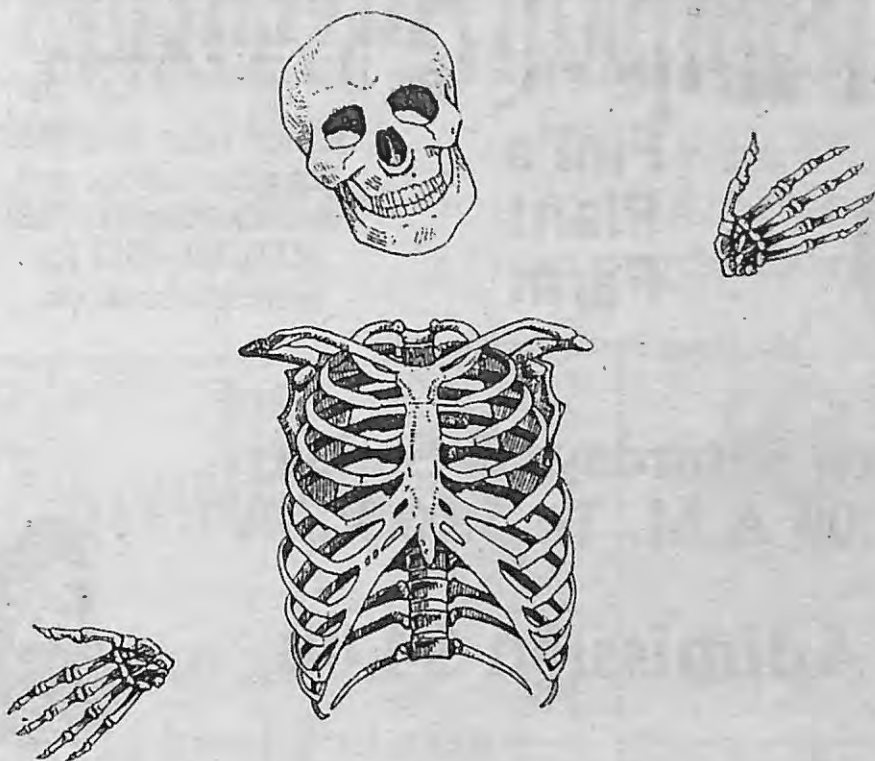
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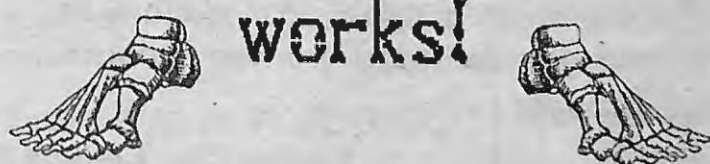
**"HEY, WEREN'T YOU IN MY HOMEROOM???"** Earlier this month, Agawam High School's class of 1950 held its 50th class reunion at Crestview Country Club in Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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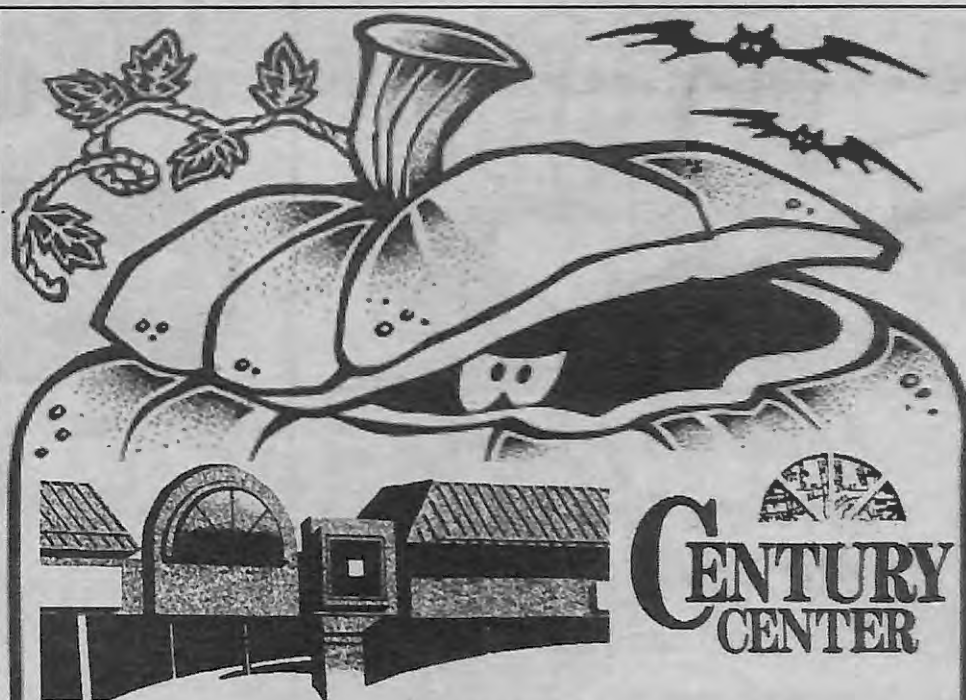
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## Class Of 1950 Reunion Committee



PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE members of the reunion committee for Agawam High School's class of 1950 (from left to right): Jacquelyn Fenton, Dom DiClementi, Barbara Riggott, Al Casella, Nancy Aramini, Thelma Coughlin, and committee chairman John Mercadante. The reunion was recently held at Crestview Country Club in Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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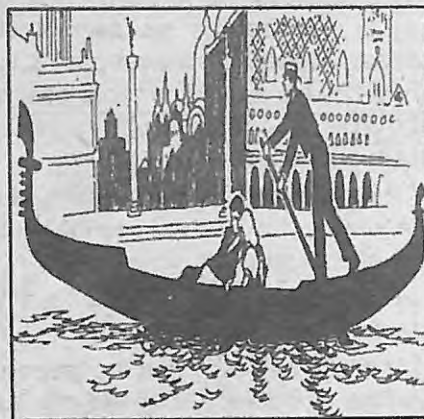
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# Sports

*Brownies Headed To The States...*

## Agawam Golfers Place Third At Western Mass. Tournament

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High golf team, behind some yeoman performances at the Western Mass. Tournament on Monday (October 23rd), will be headed to the State Championship after a third-place finish in the regional tourney.

The venue was Crestview Country Club in Agawam, a course famous for greens as smooth and fast as billiard tables.

"Yeah," remarked Agawam baseball Coach Pete Clark, who is a member of Crestview. "These greens are as fast as when the professional women played here at the Friendly's Classic." Clark was one of the spectators cheering on the Brownies under first-year Coach Bill L'Heureux. Eleven schoolboy teams and 71 golfers participated.

The six kids from Agawam played well enough to earn a trip to the States with a 328. Defending State Champion East Longmeadow was first (311), and South Hadley was second (323).

Agawam earned its trip to the Waverly Oaks Golf Course in Plymouth when the team's fifth scorer, Kacy Progulske (playing in the number-three spot), broke a tie with Cathedral by virtue of an 89 - one stroke lower than his Panther counterpart.

As expected, Bill Menard - Agawam's number-one guy - qualified for his second consecutive state appearance with a six-over-par 78. He had three pars, three bogies, and three more pars on the front nine, and a par, a bogey, a double bogey, and six pars coming in on the back nine.

"I just couldn't make any putts when I had to," said the junior (who finished tied for fourth in the individual) after signing his scorecard.

Number two Andy Green (see this week's AHS sports "Profile...") had an 85.

"I hit the ball okay, but the greens are fast and that hurt me," he said. Green did manage six pars in his round.

Progulske's timely 89 was highlighted by good iron play, according to the senior. "They (irons) were solid.



A.J. OLEKSAK, a member of AHS's fall 2000 golf team, was all smiles after the Brownies' third-place finish at Western Mass. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

I managed three pars on the back nine," he told us.

Progulske was smiling even more when he learned that his score helped propel the Brownies into the States.

Perhaps the most pleasant aspect of Agawam's day had to be the play of number four A.J. Oleksak. There was nothing but pressure for the freshman, yet he handled it very well, shooting an eight-over-par 80.

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*Profile .....*

## Andy Green Huge Part Of AHS Golf Success

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

A big part of Agawam High's success at Monday's Western Mass. Golf Tournament was due to the performance of Andy Green. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about his days as a Brownie.

Andy is 17. His birthday is May 17th. He stands 5'8" tall and weighs in at 140 pounds. He has spent all four years of his secondary education at AHS.

Currently, he is taking algebra II, physics, English, and entrepreneurship. Andy says he really doesn't have any favorite courses or top teachers.

He plans to attend Springfield Technical Community College for two years after he gets out of AHS, then transfer to UMass, where he hopes to major in computers.

His sport at AHS is golf, where he has been a varsity starter for four years. He was a Valley Wheel all-star last season. His personal match record this year was 12-3.

His most memorable sports moment came in his sophomore year when he shot a 78 at the Western Mass. Tournament in Longmeadow.

His take on this season: "I'm happy we got into the states. I've never played the course in Plymouth, but I hear it's really nice."

Pasta is his favorite food.

Green is his color.

A Chevy Lumina would be his car of choice.

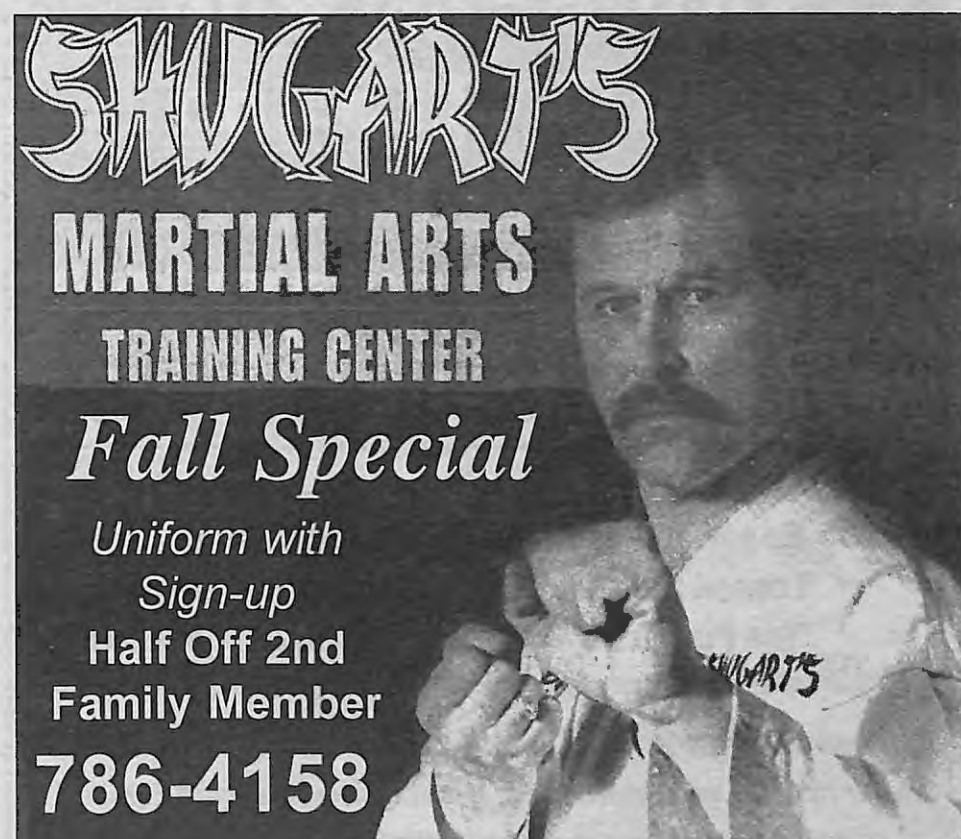
He likes his wardrobe to be laid back and buys his stuff at the Holyoke Mall.

Classic Rock is the music Andy likes. His favorite group is The Grateful Dead.

"The Simpsons" is his favorite TV show. "Predator" is his top flick.

Jeanne is his mom. Jim is his dad. He has an older sister, Heather, who is a junior at UMass.

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# Brownie Gymnasts (10-0) Continue To Roll Over Western Mass. Foes

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

There seems to be no stopping the Agawam High gymnastics team.

On Tuesday evening (October 24th), they were in South Hadley for a meet against the Tigers and Wahconah Regional High. The Brownies won the whole thing with a point total of 127.35. Wahconah was second with 119.65. The hosts came in at 117.75. Agawam's record now stands at 10-0, 9-0, which is a far cry from its 0-20 record of last season. It's been a remarkable turnaround.

Once again, sophomore Andrea Babbin led the Brownie charge. Babbin finished first in all-around, the bars, vault, and floor. The only discipline in which she had a problem was the beam (finishing out of the top three with an 8.0), even though she used the springboard for her mount, did two back flips, a couple of cross steps, some leaps, and ended her routine with a good dismount.

Senior Liz Clark grabbed a third in the bars. Freshman Mary Zajac was first on the beam with an 8.7, and third on the floor with an 8.7.

Agawam, with the first- and third-place finishes on the floor (which seems to be the most creative of all the disciplines), seems very strong in that event. All six kids who participated had strong musical scores to work with.

Babbin's had a definite Irish tone to it, with a heavy

backbeat that had her start off with a huge front flip and a triple forward somersault. It was a very athletic routine which blended in perfectly with the music.

Zajac worked to a funky tune with a hint of the "oldies" to it. She executed some nice flips with a big twisting flip finish. Other Brownies who impressed on the floor included Katie Nelson (8.1), another freshman. Her music was deep and electronic - the product of a synthesizer and slightly futuristic. Nelson did a lot of floor work rather than go airborne, which might have hurt her in the points department.

Freshman Brittany Taylor (7.45) went down-home country to a tune that reminded us of Charlie Daniels' "Fire On The Mountain." Taylor used a bunch of flips and was very spirited with her interpretive dance moves. Her score seemed too low for the show she put on.

The beam, which is arguably the most dangerous of all the events, saw Zajac win it with a straddle mount, several hops, a somersault into a handstand, and a flipping side dismount.

Nelson got a score of 7.1. She mounted off the springboard, went to a standing position, executed a hop and a scissors-kick, followed by two backward somersaults. She was a bit unsteady, but her flipping

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ANDY GREEN

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The guy he looks up to is named Ralph, who is a chef at the Agawam Municipal Golf Club. "He's just an overall nice guy," Andy said.

He would like to be remembered when his days at AHS are done as a golfer who did well in the states.

Coach Bill L'Heureux said of Andy at the beginning of the season that he was a perfect number-two player and his game would only be helped by pairing up with junior Bill Menard, which it has.

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Former Brownie golf Coach Paul Bachini watched the scores come in, and you could see him figuring who might go on to the next level. He congratulated Oleksak.

"We could be right there. A.J. showed well, consid-

ering how difficult this place is," Bachini said.

Sophomore Pat Landers, playing in the number-five spot, carded an 85.

Jeremy Malanson, at number six, came in with a 92.

The States will be held on Monday, October 30th.

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# Brownie Girls Battle Hard In 1-1 Soccer Deadlock Versus Minnechaug Regional's Playoff-Bound Falcons

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

For most of the year, the Agawam High girls' soccer team has been forced to play defense. They had to do it again on Tuesday afternoon (October 24th) in their 1-1 tie with playoff-bound Minnechaug Regional in sunny Wilbraham.

But against the always-tough Falcons (a team that beat them, 4-0 earlier in the year), the defense put a charge into the offense which was evident in their second-half surge that produced the final score.

After some initial Agawam pressure in their zone, the home-standing Falcons went on the attack. With 5:21 gone, they were buzzing the Brownie net.

The Agawam "D" (led by Becca Nacewicz, Danielle Cirillo, Amanda Blair, Laura Pedersen, Jill Lawson, and Jessie Newalu) stepped up again and blunted the drive.

Minnechaug had a good chance at the 33:12 mark on a shot off a left-right cross. It went over the Agawam net. Had it been on, keeper Laura Bucalo, who was very good in this one, would have been tested.

Agawam was still battling on defense when Minnechaug managed to work the ball in front of the Brownies' goal. A ball came out of the melee and Bucalo made the block. But the rebound popped free and the Falcon forwards pounced on it. The goal, with 9:34 gone, gave the home team a 1-0 lead.

Agawam broke out and applied some pressure of its own at 28:37. Senior midfielder Jill Gendron had a lane and took the shot. It was right on from the right point, but not hard enough to do any damage.

The effort did inspire midfielder Amy Jensen, Gendron, and Cirillo (who likes to attack from the back) to keep up the pressure by working a deal on the left wing. They passed well, but the Falcons' defense didn't allow them to set up for the shot.

Minnechaug had another good chance with 17:46 off the clock. Bucalo made a diving save on the low line drive.

With 4:15 to go, the Falcons managed once again to penetrate deep into the Brownies' zone, resulting in another mob scene in front of the net. Bucalo was there to make the stop.

The ball then spun loose in the crease. The next shot was handled and deflected over the net by the Brownie defenders.

The half ended with Newalu clearing a Falcons' shot out of the Agawam zone to put down a last-second drive.

Agawam had one shot on goal. Minnechaug took six.

## Some Inspired And Intense Soccer...

Agawam came out for the second half and started playing some inspired and intense soccer.

They immediately drove down the Falcons' right wing. Striker Kaitlin Sardella had a shot with 1:49 gone, but the Minnechaug defense blocked it off. Sardella didn't quit.

The sophomore tracked down the ball and launched a lob from 40 feet out on the right side. The shot was on and tricky. But the Falcons' keeper, Emily

Butterfield, managed to grab the ball and hug it for the save.

Minnechaug came back, working the right side of the Agawam zone. They had a shot from 50 feet out which was deflected nicely out of bounds by Gendron.

Another Minnechaug rush at 34:30 was ridden off by the Agawam defense. That effort led to a Brownie counter-attack (in big numbers this time, resulting in a Minnechaug foul).

The free kick from the top of the Falcons' zone was taken by Newalu, who was a giant out there, especially with her great throw-ins.

The ball corkscrewed in and bounced just in front of the crease. Junior defender Desiree Marsili was right there. The junior hit the back of the net, tying things at one with 7:19 off the clock. Newalu got the assist.

The Agawam defense (with a limping senior, Amanda Merola, out there) continued to play well as the half wore on. Cirillo made a nice tackle on the right side to defuse a Falcons' rush with 13:15 gone.

Two minutes later, Bucalo stopped a hard shot 40 feet out from the right side with a hand save. Merola helped by getting a piece of the ball, thus cutting down the velocity. Cirillo kicked away another shot at the 21-minute mark before it got to Bucalo.

Just over the midway mark of the half, Bucalo made another save on a blast from the right side. She was tested big-time with 18:22 left and had to make a leaping save on a hard air ball off a Falcon center rush.

Agawam almost had another score with 17:20 left off two consecutive throw-ins by Newalu at close range, caused by Sardella getting into the fullback's face and creating confusion. Courtney Adamczyk tracked the ball into the crease on the second throw-in, but Butterfield made the save.

The intensity was picking up on both sides. With 9:21 left, Bucalo made perhaps her best save of the game on a shot from the right crease off a left-right cross. Minnechaug launched an intense attack with 1:23 to go. The Agawam defense cleared the ball.

With 41 seconds on the clock, Gendron had a lane and shot towards the left corner of the Falcon goal. Adamczyk followed the ball in, but got tackled before she could get off the shot. It was a fine effort and the Brownies' last best hope for a win.

Agawam had 3 shots on net for a game total of four, but buzzed the Falcons' zone with gusto. Minnechaug (6-5-4, 5-2-2) got eight for a game total of 14.

Brownie Coach Laura Wray-Ramos was pleased with her team's effort.

"We played some excellent soccer today. We've been playing well in the last part of the season. I think the kids are showing they can hang in there with anyone now. This game almost felt like a win," she smiled.

Agawam (1-12-2, 1-5-2)

will finish things up this Friday evening (October 27th) at home against Amherst.

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The day before against the playoff-bound Westfield High Bombers, the Brownies gave another strong effort, only to come up on the short end of a 3-2 count.

This game, played at Bullins Field behind Westfield Vo-Tech High, saw the Bombers jump to a 2-0 lead midway through the first half.

But the Brownies showed the same kind of passion in this game that was on display over in Wilbraham. Midfielder Jill Lawson fired a shot from 20 yards out that rebounded onto the foot of senior striker Courtney Adamczyk, who grounded a ball past the left post and into the net.

It appeared that Westfield's lead would remain at 2-1 at the intermission. Unfortunately, with 30 seconds left, a corner kick resulted in another adventure in front of the Brownies' net and the hosts scored to take a 3-1 lead to the intermission.

AHS didn't lay down. In fact, the Brownies pressed the attack and it paid dividends with under 15 minutes left, when Lawson was at the right place at the right time in front of the Westfield goal.

The Bombers' goalie bobbled the ball, resulting in Lawson sliding into the goalmouth and the ball trickling into the net.

Agawam's best chance to tie it came minutes later when midfielder Jessie Newalu launched a header that streaked just past the right post and out of harm's way. Newalu had several terrific direct kicks in this one that were lobbed right into the penalty area.

Lately, she's been taking over the midfield with her reckless-abandon style of play. Her sideline throw-ins, especially the ones from 30 to 35 yards out, created instant offense for the Brownies in the Bombers' penalty area.

Back-up goalie Vicky Taylor, who replaced starter Laura Bucalo with under 20 minutes to go, made a fabulous save at point-blank range late in the game to keep the Brownies in it. Bucalo played a strong game and was busy in the first half.

However, when the Brownies picked up the intensity in the second half, Bucalo had plenty of time to watch the action and encourage her teammates on. As the intensity and passion out there increased, the better the Brownies played. Such was the case in Minnechaug as well.



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## Boys' Varsity Soccer...

# DeCaro Spectacular As AHS Puts Up Zeroes Vs East Longmeadow

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The last time the Agawam High boys' soccer team played East Longmeadow, the Spartans scored a late goal and frustrated the Brownies, 1-0. On Monday evening (October 23rd), Agawam played host and even though the score was a 0-0 tie, the Brownies were still frustrated but came away with a point on "Senior Night."

It could have been worse, save for some super goaltending (what else is new?) from senior keeper John DeCaro, who blocked at least four sure Spartan scores as the Agawam defense seemed to allow the shooters to have plenty of long looks while bearing down on DeCaro.

Mike Crough, Mike DeCaro and John Sikes played extremely well on defense for Agawam, which was coming off a 6-1 loss to powerhouse Minnechaug Regional last Friday (October 20th). DeCaro made a leaping save with 10:10 to go and a sliding save three minutes later.

Agawam was having trouble getting off any kind of decent shot. ELM had no such problem. With 3:50 left in the first half, John DeCaro was on top of another drive, this one from 30 feet out in front. Brent Bousquet had what was probably the best scoring opportunity of the first half with 1:03 left. The Spartan junior drove in from the right wing, and with DeCaro going down again, he somehow managed to deflect the ball off the crossbar.

The half ended with Agawam managing one shot on goal. ELM took six.

For most of the first 10 minutes of the second half, ELM was totally in charge. Agawam's only real chance came with just under four minutes gone when sophomore defender Dave Bienna, attacking on the right wing, lofted a ball that had a chance but instead landed on top of the Spartans' net.

ELM, quicker to the ball, gave the Brownies fits trying to get past midfield.

With 18:19 gone, the visitors just missed a shot from the left crease (a foot by the left post). You could see Agawam getting frustrated, especially the offense.

With 19 minutes to go, a Spartan header just skidded by the Brownies' net. With 16 minutes to go, a shot went a foot wide of the left post.

DeCaro managed a reaction hand-save at the 15:10 mark. He made a diving save five minutes later. His defense, led by John Lynch, Crough, and Mike Carmody, were doing the best they could.

DeCaro made two more great saves right in front of his goal, as the Spartans mounted one last all-out attack with 1:45 left. In the end both teams began to play bootball as the clock wound down.

Agawam, which had four second-half shots and a game total of five, fell to 4-9-3, 3-6-3. East Longmeadow had nine second-half shots on goal for a total of 15 and went to 10-2-4, 8-2-2.

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*If you have dropped off any photos to our office for Boy Scout activities, church events, etc., please pick them up after they appear in The AAN...*

# Girls' Volleyball Gives Good Effort In Loss To Ware

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' volleyball team lost a tough, three-set match to visiting Ware High on Monday afternoon (October 23rd).

Agawam fell to 4-13. Coach Pat Demers noted that the varsity has several new kids up from the JVs and that has affected their play to a degree. Ware improved to 2-12.

After losing the first game, 15-8, the Brownies started what they hoped would be a comeback. Behind good service games by Erin Corbin and Kristina Midura, the Brownies jumped out to a 9-4 lead. Midura had a string of four straight serves that saw Agawam go up, 12-4.

Ware managed to come back, cutting the Agawam lead to 13-6. But then it was sophomore Brittany Theriaque's turn behind the line, and the kid (just called up from the junior varsity) brought Agawam to game point. A nice dig by Midura and a spike for the winning score by Corbin saw Agawam win the second game, 15-6.

The third game had Agawam go up early behind the service games of Theriaque, Corbin, Lindsey Jeserski and Katie Ludwig. Add to that some heads up "D" by the Brownies, and they found themselves leading, 6-1.

Then, some lack of communication on Agawam's part saw Ware fight back to lead, 8-6. Again, Midura and Theriaque stepped up to keep things tight. It was 9-all before two Ware aces saw them up, 11-9.

Ludwig came on to serve Agawam back to a 10-all tie. Then Ware behind some good service games of its own, jumped out to a 12-11 lead and served things out for a 15-11, third-game win and the match.

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dismount off the end of the beam was decent.

Clark recorded a 7.0. She did three leaps, two somersaults, and fell. Gamely, she got right back on and completed her routine, ending it with a fair dismount.

"We've worked hard to get where we are right now," Coach Allison Bonnymen smiled. Only Westfield (10-1, 9-1), at this writing, is ahead of Agawam in the PVIAC, which is strange considering that the Brownies beat them earlier in the season.

Agawam's next meet will be at Minnechaug with the Falcons and Comp this Friday (October 27th).

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## AHS Cheerleaders Host 4th Annual Golf Tournament

On Saturday, October 7th, under a beautiful autumn sky, the fourth Annual AHS Cheerleader Golf Tournament was held at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

The event takes place each year to fund both the varsity and junior varsity cheerleading programs at Agawam High School.

This year's event was by far the most successful, thanks to chairperson Sandi Forni and her very dedicated band of golf gophers, who included Ken Forni, Diane and Dave Deluca, Mike and Donna Bodurtha, Diane Beauchene, Marianne O'Krongly, Peter Sadowski, Bob Pettazzoni, Nancy Cilimberg, and Pam Colson.

Thanks to all the wonderful area businesses who sponsored a hole or donated raffle prizes. Your support is appreciated more than you know.

A very special thanks to Oak Ridge Country Club, whose excellent course provides an exceptional challenge for all who participate each year.

The cheerleaders would like to also thank their par-

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BUDDY KREBS, a past champion at Riverside Park Speedway, is pictured above in the "Flying Zero" in 1960. Krebs' career at Riverside included winning 43 feature events and three track championships (in 1957, 1960, and 1969). He says he is looking forward to meeting his old friends and competitors at the "Riverside Park Speedway Reunion" on Saturday, November 4th.

## New England Antique Racers To Host "Riverside Speedway Reunion"

Memories and memorabilia will highlight the first **Riverside Park Speedway Reunion**, which will be held Saturday, November 4th at the Dante Club in West Springfield.

The event is sponsored by the New England Antique Racers, Inc.

Many former Riverside drivers have said they are planning to attend. Past track champions, including Bob Polverari, Buddy Krebs, Billy Greco, and John Rosati, have bought tickets. Other popular drivers, such as Marty Radewick, Ray Miller, Moon Burgess, and Booker Jones, are expected to attend.

The festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m. It will feature a hot and cold buffet, Italian style. A cash bar will be open for the evening.

Slides, movies, and videos of the racing action at the Park over the last half century will be featured. Guests are encouraged to bring scrapbooks.

Anyone who enjoyed the Park racing is invited to attend, including competitors, fans, and officials of the past 51 years. The Dante Club is located in West Springfield, directly across the street from the location of the annual Racearama.

The plaque honoring the 38 members that were voted into the Riverside Park Speedway Hall of Fame will be on display, along with many other Park items that were given to NEAR after the Final Ride in 1999.

There will be a raffle featuring many items from the final years of the Park.

The speedway opened in 1948 as a part of Riverside Park amusement park. The Final Ride racing event was held on October 17, 1999.

The racetrack was ordered closed by the new owners of the Park. It is now the site of the Superman roller coaster as part of Six Flags New England.

All are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$15 each, and should be purchased in advance to ensure availability. They are available by sending a check to NEAR, P.O. Box 2675, Hartford, CT 06146-2675. All the proceeds will benefit the NEAR Hall of Fame, which has already inducted 30 of New England's greatest racing personalities.

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## Lou Gozzi Joins Professional Golf Team

In another week, Lou & Sally Gozzi will be leaving Agawam and moving to Fort Myers, Florida. Lou has signed a multi-year contract with the Fort Myers Demons professional golf team. He probably will be named captain in the next few days. He certainly will be their "number one" player. We want you to know what Agawam will be losing.

Bob Desimone says he will really miss Lou a lot: "He is a great friend and a heck of a golfer." We will miss Lou because he makes us really follow the rules.

For the last five months, Lou has made sure we did not move our ball, counted our strokes correctly, and made us take penalties when we deserved them. (How much fun is that?) One time, Lou hit a low liner about 100 miles per hour and hit his partner, Bob Desimone, about 90 yards away. He hit Bob right in the knee.

The ball bounced hard off the knee and went out of bounds. Before Lou checked to see if Bob was okay, he immediately declared that he had to take a penalty for going out of bounds. Bob lost the hole because he had to chip up on one leg.

Lou has been a wonderful addition to our lives. Every day, we get together at Christina's Cigar Shop in Agawam with Lou. We solve all the problems of the world before Bob comes in around 8:30. And then there are more problems to solve.

We have played a lot of golf with Lou these last five months. We have grown to cherish his friendship, enjoy his commentary (not for nothing), and respect his integrity.

The Fort Myers Demons don't know how lucky they are. Lou will make them a winner. He helped make us all winners ... in life. It was a great ride.

Best of luck and health to you and Sally. See you next May! (From Bob, Dan, Dave, Jack, and Richard.)

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*Brownies Bow To Cathedral, 35-25...*

## Same Storyline For AHS's Football Team: Fall Far Behind, Then Mount Comeback

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The beat goes on for the Agawam High football team and it's not particularly pleasing, as the locals lost to a team that was struggling as well (but which looked much better than it actually was).

This time, it was visiting Cathedral who beat the Brownies last Friday (October 20th), 35-25, at Harmon Smith Field on a crystal-clear, mid-October night.

To Agawam's credit, they didn't fold up, even when the Panthers went up, 28-0, in the second quarter. "We practice hard every day, like we haven't lost a game," Agawam Coach Tad Desautels noted when asked about his team's 0-7, 0-6 record.

Cathedral, 2-4, 2-3, got things off in fine fashion (for itself) with a 54-yard TD jaunt around right end with 2:04 off the clock. Agawam was still trying to find its offense when the Panthers, on their second possession (still in the first quarter), scored again via a 15-yard pass - the result of bad coverage.

Agawam seemed to get something going on its next possession. After getting the ball at their own 20, they drove to Cathedral's 47 behind some tough running by Tony Liquori (20-124 yards) and a nice 15-yard pass reception by tight end Lou Conte from sophomore quarterback Joe Clark.

But the drive was stalled at the visitors' 45 after Liquori was dropped for a loss on a third and three.

Cathedral took the ball on its own 28 and only needed one play - a 72-yard gem around left end by

Ryan Caufield - to stretch the lead to 21-0.

The Panthers weren't done with their first-half pyrotechnic display. After intercepting a Clark pass at Agawam's 18-yard line, they scored on an 18-yard pass with 7:39 left in the half. The conversion (considering the quality of the Brownies' play to that point) seemed to give them an insurmountable lead at 28-0.

Agawam received a Panthers' punt with 1:22 left in the half at its own 43. They took seven plays to go that distance, with Liquori lugging it in from the four with 33 seconds left. Christopher Tedone split the uprights and Agawam went into the locker room trailing 28-7.

Hope springs eternal, and the Brownies seemed to have hope when the second half got underway. The Agawam defense tightened up. Vitaly Dzhenzherukha scored on a 14-yard run with just over 4:00 to go in the third. The extra point was no good, but Cathedral's lead had been cut to 28-13.

The Panthers would score their only TD of the second half with a minute left in the third to go up, 35-13. The fourth saw Liquori collect his second TD on a 41-yard run. Vitaly made it 35-25 a few minutes later.

Agawam was knocking on the door with 1:30 left. But Clark was intercepted, and Cathedral took the knee running out the clock.

Agawam's next foe will be Chicopee (4-2, 3-2) at Snot Park this Friday evening (October 27th). Chicopee fell hard to Northampton last week, 27-2.

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ents, Booster Club members, family, and friends for all the hard work and dedication to their program.

The winners of this year's tournament are as follows:

Brian Telford, Kevin Telford, Curt Cosgrove, and A.J. Sarnelli, with a score of 60; closest to the pin - Chris Giroux; longest drive - Jeff Brackett; nearest the line - Brian Telford.

Congratulations to the winners as well as to everyone who participated and made the day so special.

One last note. They say "all good things must come

to an end," and sadly for the Agawam High cheerleading program, it's true. This year, they will say goodbye to an incredibly hard-working individual.

For four years, her dedication and tireless efforts chairing the golf tournaments has been unmatched. She continually amazes by making every year better than the one before.

We at the Booster Club, along with all of the Agawam cheerleaders, would like to sincerely thank Sandi Forni for all her support. Without her hard work, nothing would be possible.

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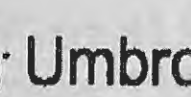
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IN LEFT PHOTO: Don Rheault (center) of the "Message On Hold Network" (team sponsor) with Coaches Lou Conte (left) and Brian Rheault (right). IN RIGHT PHOTO: The Mickey Mantle State Champions - back row: Coach Lou Conte, Don Rheault, and Coach Brian Rheault; middle row: Neil Donah, Mario Maloni, Dave Bienia, Mike Carmody, Alan D'Amario, Lou Conte, and Shawn Mercadante; front row: Joshua Rheault, John Lynch, Matt Rheault, Vin Moretti, Brian Knight, and Joe Clark. (Missing from photo: Marc Barcomb and Sal Santiniello.)

## Locals Boys Win Mickey Mantle State Championship

The "Message On Hold Network" of Agawam recently won the Mickey Mantle State Championship. Following the Championship, the team members were proud to wear their new jackets, which were given by Don Rheault, owner of "Message On Hold Network."

Coach Brian Rheault stated that this was a solid team effort with some excellent hitting and solid defense.

"We faced some great competition to win the States, and our trip to the Regionals in Albany was a great experience," remarked the coach, adding, "They played their hearts out and faced some really good teams in the double-elimination event. The team that beat us in the opener ultimately went to the World Series. When you get to that level, you're all winners, but unfortunately someone has to lose."

Coach Rheault continued, "We had a great season and dominated the league. In the State playoffs, we had great hitting and fielding to get us to the Regionals."

"This was the first Mickey Mantle team to win the States in our division."

"You will see a lot of these players at Agawam this year, both in JV and varsity," concluded the coach.

## Agawam Soccer Association Slates "Appreciation Night" For Nov. 4th

The annual Soccer Appreciation Night will be held at the Springfield Turnverein in Feeding Hills. This event will be held on Saturday, November 4th, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The night will feature great music, dancing, door prizes, and a great-tasting Turnverein buffet.

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## Goalies Lead Stifling Twisters Defense In Columbus Day Tourney

The two "Brittany" goalies of the girls' U-12 Agawam Twisters of the Pioneer Valley Soccer Association, Brittany Margiotta and Brittany Degray, have shared impressive goalkeeping duties all season long.

The pair, along with the rest of the Twisters' fine defensive team, came up with a tremendous effort in a Columbus Day Tournament played in North Andover, Massachusetts, in which the team won second place.

## Agawam Soccer Association Standings

U-10 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Tuohey Yellow Jackets	1	7	1	4
Scherpa Blue Flames	1	8	0	3
Pelletier Red Rockets	7	0	1	22
Gendon Blue Lightning	3	4	1	10
Marsh Green Ball Hogs	5	2	2	17
Parent Orange Hurricanes	6	2	1	19

U-12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Wood Red Demons	8	0	2	26
Beroth Blue Angels	4	1	2	14
Prout Yellow Jackets	4	4	1	13
Pietroniro Warriors	0	7	2	2
Brewster The Thunder	2	4	3	9

U-17 (CO-ED)	W	L	T	P
Comee's Kamakazee	5	1	1	16
Adams Blue Thunder	1	3	2	5
Howe Green Hornets	4	2	1	13
Francis Red	2	5	0	6

U-10 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Lafoe Blue Thunder	7	1	2	23

Paulin Blue Demons	7	3	0	21
Gould Black Shadow	7	3	0	21
McElligot Blue Jays	6	2	2	20
Hastings Orange Vipers	4	6	0	12
Ellsworth Red Devils	4	6	0	12
Giusto Golden Eagles	2	8	0	6
Farrington Green Machine	1	9	0	3

U-12 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Brin Green Demons	8	2	0	24
Laporte Blue Devils	6	3	1	19
Henigan Yellow Jackets	6	3	0	18
Nawskon Red Devils	1	7	2	5
Lombardini Orange Crush	1	7	1	4

U-14 (CO-ED)	W	L	T	P
Adams Green Hornet	9	0	1	28
Zmaczynski Golden Eagles	8	2	0	24
Lane Red Devils	2	5	2	8
White Blue Maniacs	1	5	3	6
Nawskon Orange Enforcers	0	8	2	2

## Town Of Agawam's Parks & Recreation Dept. To Sponsor "Youth Volleyball" Program

The Town of Agawam Parks & Recreation Dept. will sponsor Youth Volleyball, where youth will learn the fundamental skills, techniques, and strategies of volleyball while practicing and playing in this fun new program.

There will be separate divisions for both boys and girls in grades four through 12 and the sessions will be held at the James Clark Elementary School gymnasium.

The boys' division will meet on Tuesdays,

November 14th through December 12th. The girls' divisions will meet on Thursdays, November 9th through December 14th.

Grades four through eight will meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and grades nine through 12 will meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Registration will begin on Wednesday, November 1st at the Parks & Recreation Office located at the rear of the Agawam High School.

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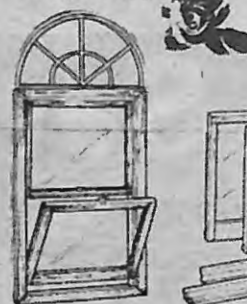
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# Agawam Youth Football - Week Seven

## SENIOR BLUE

The Wilbraham Falcons defeated the Agawam Warriors in week seven of SAFL action at Memorial Field.

The Warriors got off to a quick start in this game, with QB Andrew Wakelee throwing a bomb to TE Dave Modzanowski for the first score of the game; FB Mike Toto carried in the conversion. The Falcons scored just before the end of the first half to tie the game.

The second half opened with the Warriors receiving the kick; however, they fumbled on the return and Wilbraham took over. The defense stopped them and recovered a fumble (another perfect pass to Modzanowski was called back on a penalty). However, on the next play, QB Andrew Wakelee took it down the right side behind Bailey, Bussiere, and DeCosmo for the score. The conversion failed and the Warriors were up, 14-8.

The Falcons could not run the ball, thanks to excellent defensive front coverage by Alex Ellsworth, Joe McGeoghan, Alex Gohn, Tom DeCosmo, and Erik deleifde; however, their passing game was on the mark. Time and again, they converted big third-down plays to maintain their drive. Chris Keeley made several big tackles. The Falcons scored but were stopped on the conversion by LB John Gibbons, tying the score.

The Warriors took over and were marching, utilizing hard running by Kurt Schiebel, Mike Toto, and Ryan Pellerin. When their drive stalled, it appeared they had a first down; however, the officials marked it as third down and the Warriors were stopped. Wilbraham again went to the air and moved down the field. John Jordan and Sean Deglis stepped into the defensive end spots and contributed to the pressure on the Falcons' QB.

Wilbraham scored with five minutes left in the game, making it 20-14. The Warriors never gave up and they can throw the ball, as they marched from their own five-yard line. Utilizing a semi-hurried-up offense, the o-line did a good job of protection, allowing Wakelee to hit Ryan McLane and WB Kyle Perry for two huge first downs; Perry stepped in with a quick 25-yard gain.

The Warriors were moving down the field. With time running out, the Warriors attempted a deep pass, which was picked off with seconds left in the game. The Warriors played a very strong game against a tough opponent. SAFL Commissioner Frank Curto attended, as this was the game of the year for the SAFL, and he stated that Agawam and Wilbraham are the two best in the league.

The Warriors will conclude their season on Sunday, October 29th, away against Westfield at Bullens Field. Game time is 3:00 p.m.

## SENIOR GREEN

On Sunday, October 22nd, Agawam's senior green Warriors defeated the Quaboag Panthers.

The first half of the game proved to be exciting. The Warriors scored the first touchdown of the game. Joe Greaney ran 25 yards for the first six points of the game. Justin Howe was able to make the two-point conversion to make the score 8-0.

During the second quarter of the game, a 10-yard pass from Jordan Buiso to Tom Ramah let Ramah make the second touchdown of the game with a 50-yard run. The score at halftime was Agawam Warriors 14, Quaboag Panthers 0.

In the third quarter of the game, Buiso and Ramah were able to get the ball across the line again. Buiso threw an eight-yard pass to Ramah, who ran 75 yards for the third touchdown of the game.

Nick Alvanos was able to make two great interceptions during the game, and Max Von Ossenbruggen had one fantastic interception. Justin Stevens picked up on a loose ball in the air on a fumble (with the help of Justin Howe, who sacked the Quaboag QB). Stevens ran for 10 yards on the play.

The Warriors were able to be victorious because of the offensive and defensive lines. The final score of

the game was 22-8.

The Warriors will be playing their final game at home on Sunday, October 29th, against Westfield.

## JUNIOR BLUE

The Agawam junior blue Warriors lost on Sunday, October 22nd, to Wilbraham, 21-0. Wilbraham scored twice in the first half and once in the second half to secure the win.

This was the last home game for the blue Warriors. We don't have a great number of players, so when we lose players due to injuries, it hurts our team.

Our offensive line had done a great job all year. Playing center is Adam Plante. Guards are John Lacroix and Josh Barrows, and tackles are Nick Roberts and Mark Jeserski. Tight ends John Rossi, Keith Gendreau, and Kevin Yo have done a great job this year in those positions for us.

Joel Bailey had done a great job in leading the offensive as quarterback. Although Jim Mackin has been out for most of the season with a leg injury, he's a very good and versatile player (you could use him in most any position). Wide receivers Geoff Trexler and Jim Ricco have both speed and good hands. Fullbacks Charles Barbarisi and Robert McTaggart are very strong runners.

Rob McTaggart has done a fine job as fullback filling in for Barbarisi. At the tailback position is Dom Moccia, who is a talented, very fast, and very exciting player to watch when he touches the ball.

On defense, the Warriors have Dave DePalo, Vin Waite, and Phil (Rice Krispy) Mokrzycki, who have all done a very good job on the defensive line, with Mike Yo and Nathan Lovotti doing a great job filling in on the line. Linebackers are led by our monster back John Dominick, who is (pound for pound) the toughest ballplayer on the field outside of the linebackers. Dom Moccia and Dustin Petrucci are two very hard hitters with very good speed.

Middle linebackers Charles Barbarisi and Chris Cross are very solid hitters and tacklers; Cross has improved a great deal from a year ago. Keith

Wellington, also a very good hitter, is used to fill in as linebacker. Defensive ends Blake Dutilly and Tom Barker both have done a great job this year; Barker is yet another player who has improved very much since a year ago.

Geoff Trexler and Anthony Birchenough have done a very good job at safety. Birchenough had a foot problem during the season, so Trexler played at safety and did very well.

Coach Pezzimenti also said that the coaches - Jeff Bailey, Ron Waite, and Ralph Dominick - have done a great job this season.

The Agawam junior blue Warriors' last game will be on Sunday, October 29th, at 1:15 p.m. at Westfield. Come and watch some exciting football.

## JUNIOR GREEN

On Sunday, October 22nd, the Agawam Warriors' junior green team pounded the Quaboag Panthers on the road, 24-6.

The Warriors played great football on both sides of the ball. The powerhouse offensive line - led by Phillip Skoville, Frank Liberti, Patrick McKeever, Anthony Stork, Scott Luginbuhl, Corey Brennan, and James Devoe - cleared huge holes to enable the Warriors to rush for over 155 yards.

Blocking backs Nick Sliech and Jake Ferretti rushed for over 30 yards. Colin Hensel rushed for 84 yards, including two touchdowns. Rashad Wright rushed for 44 yards, including one touchdown. Quarterback Brendan McNeish converted two extra-point runs.

The defense played like true gridiron gorillas, holding the Panthers to only three first downs. Defensive captain Mark Hardy had an excellent day with four solo tackles, two backfield tackles (nine-yard loss), one fumble recovery, and one safety. Linebackers Brendan McNeish had one interception and three backfield tackles (for a 12-yard loss); Andrew White, three backfield tackles (19-yard loss); and Nick Sliech

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St. Louis lost the lead by dropping three points to Fordham on a low-scoring night (Monday, October 16th). Maybeth "Miss Consistent" Coughlin hit a 116 in the second string (high for the team) to give her team its only point for the night. For F'ham, "Jolly" Olly Muldrew's 144 took the first string, and his 344 series won over St. L anchor Glen "Not Sam" Adams, who could only manage a lowly 300 even. Strings over 100 were hard to come by in this match.

Catholic University jumped into the lead for this round by rolling over St. Mary, 4-0. No one on St. Mary could bowl a 300 series, and this included Rich "Golden" Snyder. "Golden" had a 389 night the week before, which goes to show that "when you're hot, you're hot," but "when you're not, you're not." (That's bowling!)

For CU, Cori "Lefty" Napolitan helped her team with a 106, 104, 109 night to total 319. Anchor Kathy "Big Cat" Burlingham hit a 130 single and a 333 series to lord it over the "Golden" boy.

Georgetown climbed from fourth to third by virtue of a 3-1 win over Boston College. BC got good bowling from Betsy "Loaded" Cannon, who fired a 328 series (including a 129 third string), and Jon "Money" Robarge, who contributed a 310 series in a losing cause.

G'T got a big night from lead bowler Tom "Thumb" Massotti, who started with a 126 and added strings of 107 and 108 for a 341 (that's terrific!). Anchor "Mighty" Debbie Poirier ran off strings of 104 and 112, but saved a super 141 string for last which clinched the third string point and the team total pinfall.

Notre Dame split with Holy Cross, 2-2, in a match that featured some good bowling. The lead-off bowler for ND, Donna "Big D" Kosinski, rolled a great third string of 131, which helped the team to the point and total pinfall. Paula "Wild Thing" Burke ran off a nice series (just enough to make the 350 board). Her strings were far from wild: a 101, 123, and 126 to total a 350.

Holy Cross got a steady night from Jan "Steady" Fuller, who rolled a 106, 107, and 103 for a 316 total. "Steady" is due to move up a notch and steady out over 300 most nights.

Ron "The Don" Menard was up again for this match with a 109, 134, and 118 for a 361 series, but this was only good enough for a tie and, thus, HC remains in the cellar with only two weeks to go in this round.

## STANDINGS AS OF 10/16/00:

Catholic University	16 - 8
St. Louis	14 - 10
Georgetown	13-1/2 - 10-1/2
St. Mary	12 - 12
Fordham	11 - 13
Notre Dame	10 - 14
Boston College	10 - 14
Holy Cross	9-1/2 - 14-1/2

## "Recreation Group Night" With The Springfield Falcons

The Springfield Falcons are announcing the next **Recreation Group Night** sponsored by the Agawam Parks & Recreation Dept., is scheduled for **Thursday, November 9th** vs the Providence Bruins at 7:05 p.m. (Veterans' Day holiday is Friday.)

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All ticket purchases for the game must be made by **12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 8th!** For further information, call the Agawam Recreation Dept., weekdays, at 821-0513.

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had two backfield tackles (eight-yard loss).

Defensive end Rashad Wright had two backfield tackles (nine-yard loss). Rookie lineman David Cook came up big with one backfield tackle (six-yard loss) and two solo tackles. Rookie Jerrett Johnson had a great day with three solo tackles. Evan Spear had two solo tackles. Solo tackles were also turned in by Kyle LaBonte, Colin Hensel, Nick Sliech, Andrew White, Joshua Ayotte, and David Perux.

Other outstanding plays were contributed by Joshua Blood, Paul Vermette, Matthew Gushue, Niko O'Mera, Scott Reardon, and Stephen Teixeira.

Since this is the second week in a row that the JV green squad won, the coaches and parents believe, "The monsters are out of the cage!"

## PEE WEE BLUE

In a rematch of an earlier game, the Agawam blue pee wee team lost to the Wilbraham Falcons, 20-6. It was the final home game of the 2000 season for the little Warriors, and they played their hearts out. In the previous game, the little Falcons had completely dominated Agawam, 22-0, but in this game, the Warriors played them pretty evenly.

Wilbraham scored two TDs in the first half and went ahead, 14-0. The Falcons have a fast and shifty half-back who scored all of their points on breakaway runs. The little Warriors opened the second half with the ball, and their tailback - Tim Jendrysik - scored on a nice 30-yard run behind some excellent blocking.

Throwing nice blocks were wingback Joe Toto, end Greg Heinbokel, tackle Jake Depalo, guard Justin Chartier, and fullback Delanie Sapelli. Heinbokel was filling in for injured starter Bryan Birchenough, who is out for the remainder of the season. Fullback Frank Sacco was injured on the team's first offensive play while making a nice run. Center Garrett Gabel, guard Matt Munson, and tackle Mason Conlon opened some excellent holes on the right side of the line.

Defensively, the little Warriors played a much stronger game against Wilbraham. With the score 14-6, Wilbraham could only score once in the second half. The final became 20-6.

Linemen Jarrett Fondakowski, Nick Santinello, Robert Johnson, and Jonathan Fondakowski really closed down the middle. Ends Rob McGeoghan and Kyle Craig combined with cornerbacks D.J. Sapelli and Brandon Munson to control the outside game, while Jacob Barrows and Kyle Keeley at safeties limited the Falcons to only one completed pass.

The little Warriors have made great strides this season, learning both the skills of football and teamwork. The season concludes this Sunday, October 29th, with an away game against Westfield. Westfield plays at Bullens Field (behind Westfield Voke H.S.) and game time is 11:15 a.m. because of the change to standard time.

## PEE WEE GREEN

The Quaboag pee wee team (6-1-0) got quite a scare from a fired-up Agawam green pee wee team (1-5-1) at the Charles Callahan Field in Quaboag last Sunday afternoon (October 22nd). Quaboag scored two TDs to Agawam's one TD in a 16-6, hard-fought game. The Quaboag coaches told the Agawam coaches that it was one of their toughest games to date.

Agawam scored first on a sweep around left end by Dylan "The Villian" Coulter behind a great block by Paul "Bearer" Vecchiarelli. The Agawam offense moved the ball well all afternoon against the number-one defense in the league, thanks to the blocking of FB Jimmy "The Moose" Olson; center Eric "The Wild Thing" Alexopoulos; tackles Mike "The Italian Stallion" Saccomani and Pat "The Mad Dog" McLane; guards "In Sane" Shane LaFond and Justin "Time" Rahn; and ends Joey "The GodFather" Gabinelli and Steve "Roll Up Dem Sleeves" Johnson.

Defensively, Agawam played tough and made Quaboag work for every yard they made. They only allowed one score against the league's leading offense during the first half and kept Agawam in the game from start to finish.

The defense was led by LBs Jason "The Hit Man" Houle (formerly known as "The Tool"), Matt "Big Cat" Reardon, and Tyler "No Mo" Devoe; and DL "Say It Ain't So" Joe Farwell, "Even" Steven Hillios, and James "Tiger" Wood (as well as, of course, "The Mad Dog"). Cam "My Favorite" Martin and Robert "The Suture" Couture helped prevent some potentially long gains by Quaboag.

Agawam closes out its season this Sunday, October 29th, in the rubber match against Westfield here in Agawam. As you might remember, Westfield handed Agawam its opening-day loss (20-10); however, Agawam came back to defeat them two weeks ago, 20-14. Remember Ali/Frazier III (the "thrilla in Manila")? This second rematch has all the makings of a great one. You'll need a blanket for this one; there are some cold feelings between these two teams. Agawam/Westfield III ... maybe we can call this one the "shiver by the river"?

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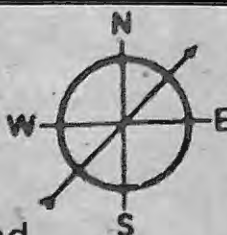
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